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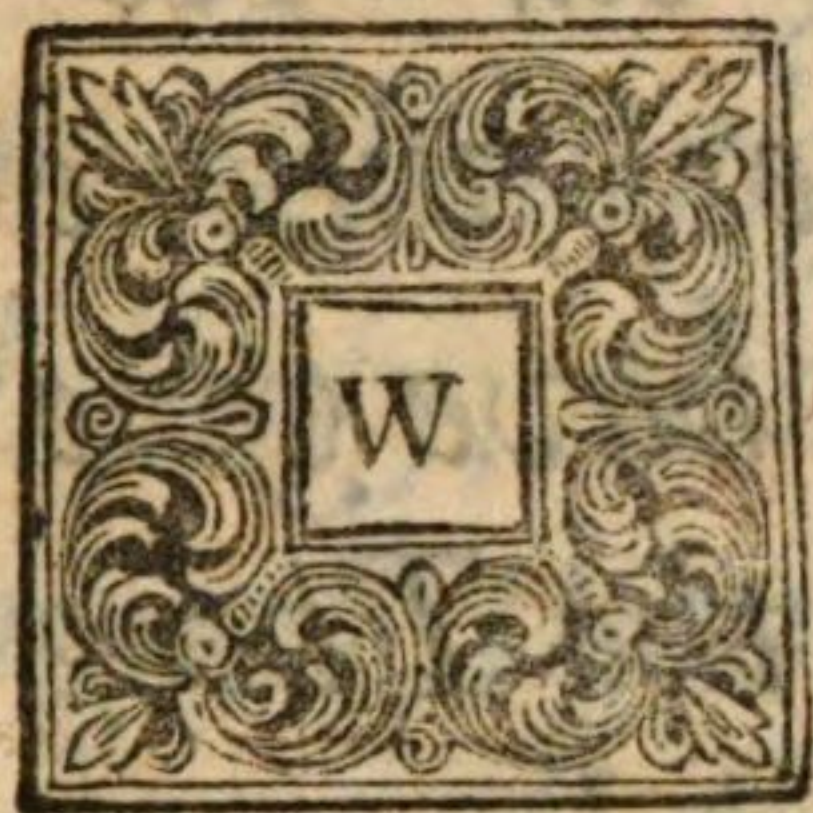
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W H E N we undertook these Remarks, we design'd that the *Work* should have been much more concise. But as the Plenty of Matter render'd it difficult to contract the *Volume*, so it gave a little Mortification to leave so much untouch'd behind. The Author has sown his Untruths throughout the *Book* with the Fate of the Dragon's Teeth; the Falsehoods of one Page are no sooner vanquish'd, but in the next a new Harvest of Combatants arises for fresh Encounter. Notwithstanding all we have said on this Occasion,

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casion, there will a plentiful Crop remain to whoever will take the Pains to glean after us. We have endeavour'd, as much as possible, to avoid making our Remarks on the same Places, where others have touch'd, who have gone before us; but where the Thing was so flagrantly scandalous, as not to be past over, we thought fit by a new Attack to finish the Defeat. In Regard to the Affairs of Scotland, in which his false Assertions are luxuriously abundant; we have dwelt less than we first design'd, on that Part of this History, upon Information that some Gentlemen of that Country had undertaken this peculiar Province, for which they are better qualify'd, by being Natives, upon the Spot, and having Access to Records and Registers;

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gisters; but as yet they have not appear'd, if they should not think fit to oblige the *World*, we have said enough to disabuse that Nation.

It is very evident that *Revenge* has absolutely guided him thro' this *History*, that *Passion* more predominant than the rest seems to have animated the whole *Design*, and has so wrench'd his *Reason*, and darkned his *Understanding*, as to make him sometimes fall into the grossest *Absurdities*, and must convince his *Reader*, that he was a much weaker *Man*, than the *World* believ'd him. A *Want* of *Judgment*, as it may be some *Kind* of *Excuse*, tho' a very bad one, for *Errors* and *Writing* ill, so it is an *Aggravation* of the *Fault* in *Writing* at all, when so unqualify'd by *Nature* thro' *Want* of common *Temper*. His

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His Malice to the four last Princes, of a Race, who, if we may believe the Scotch Historians, have govern'd him and his Ancestors two thousand Years, is very unaccountable: This Passion seems to be so very unsatiable, as not to be the natural Growth of a Northern Climate, but to have been brought with him from the other Side of the Alps. It is Pity that he took so long a Journey only to Italianize a Scotch Man, and make no better Improvement.

*Not content with the Mischiefs that he had done in his Life, he seems resolv'd to carry his Resentment beyond the Grave, with a Design to make War in the other World on Vertue and Goodness. If the English Tongue should last a thousand Years, he is responsible
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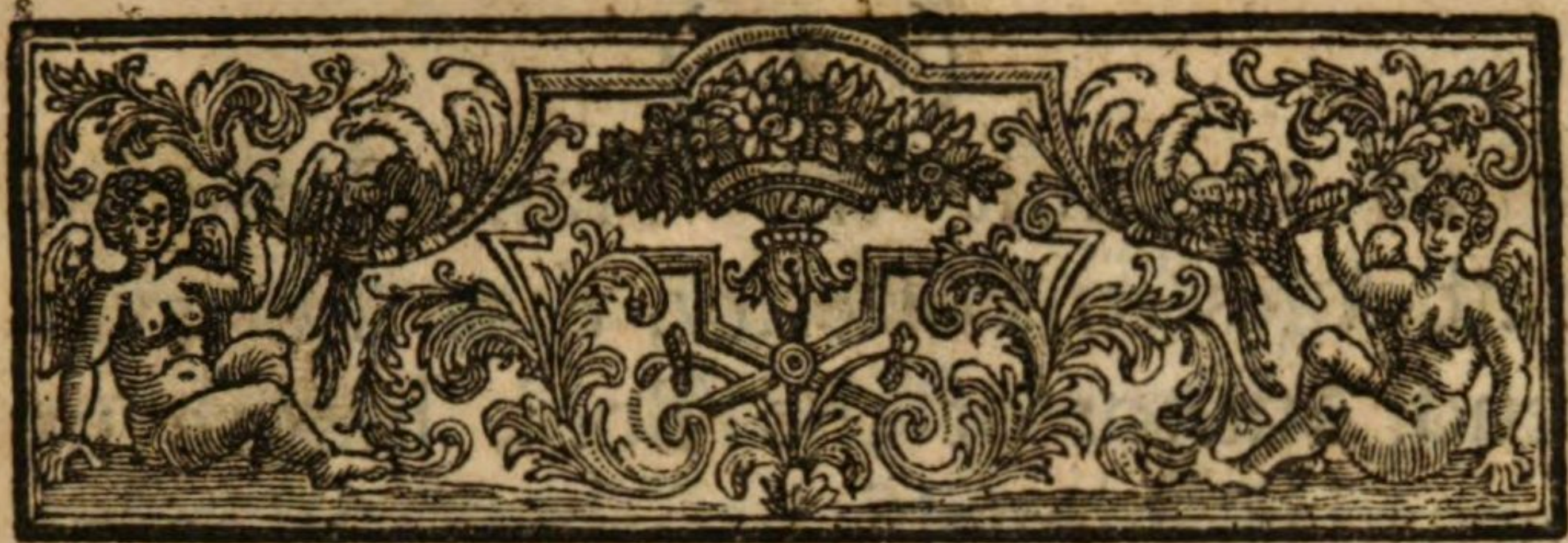
for every Reader whom he deceives debauches, and poysons, their Crimes influenc'd by him will be charg'd on his Account, that such an Imposition on Posterity was in his View, seems too plain, by his ordering this Posthumous Work to be publish'd so many Tears after his Death, when he believ'd that probably most would be out of the Way, who could personally contradict him. This surprizing Conduct seems to support his Friends of one Perswasion in their Doctrines of Predestination, and looks as if this unhappy Man had been ordain'd to commit those Crimes, of which it was impossible to repent.

We shall detain the Reader no longer in this Preface, but only to let him know, that the principal Motive to this Undertaking was
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the Love of Truth; to make any other Appeals in regard to the Sincerity of our Intentions, after the terrible Example in the Preface of his Book, would be now both ridiculous and shocking to the Reader. No one can imagine that any personal Pique engag'd us to encounter this Author, whom we never had the Honour to see but once, and that was in the Pulpit, perhaps to his Disadvantage; however, we must own that it has so far gratify'd our Curiosity, that If we should live to grow very old, we may be able to tell Posterity, that these Eyes have beheld so prodigious a Man.

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Historical and Critical.

TRUTH, the strongest Link of human Society, is not more necessary in the universal Commerce of Life, than amiable in itself. The sublimest Idea we can have of the supreme Being, is to call him the God of Truth; and the Imperfection of human Nature can never so near approach the Divinity, as when we endeavour to imitate this his greatest and most noble Attribute: It is this which distinguishes History from Romance, and is so absolutely essential in a Writer, who

is to transmit the Transactions of past Ages to Posterity, that the reverend Author of the Book before us owns it himself in these Words: *Pref. p. 3.* “ For I reckon a Lie in
 “ History to be as much a greater Sin
 “ than a Lie in common Discourse,
 “ as the one is like to be more lasting
 “ and generally known than the
 “ other. How well he has made good this Declaration the following Remarks will convince the World, by shewing the Reader such an uninterrupted Series of Untruths as will astonish; not Mistakes proceeding from Negligence or human Infirmit-ty, but from a corrupt Design to impose on Posterity; not from Mis-information or Error of Judgment, but from a deliberate Act of the Will, what the Logicians call a Volition to do Mischief, by not only misrepresenting Matters of Fact, and setting them in a false Light, but positive Assertions of several things which

which he must have known in his Conscience to be absolutely contrary to Truth ; so that if we may judge by the whole Tenor of the Book, we may venture to affirm, that nothing can equal his Insincerity, but his Malice ; and, if possible, exceed both, but his Vanity.

It is to be lamented, that this unhappy Author should in some Places so exceed all Bounds of Decency, and so atrociously outrage Virtue and Innocence, as to forfeit that Respect which is due to his Character, and even extinguish that Tendernefs which in good Nature and Charity we owe to the Infirmities of other Men.

Such is the Man, who, to the eternal Dishonour of his Country, has added another *Buchanan* to the *Scotish* Writers, not in Quality of an Historian, but Incendiary ; being as much below that wicked great Man in Erudition, Genius, and Capacity,

as he seems to transcend him in Dis-
ingenuity, Fury, and Resentment.

Before we enter into the Matter of
the Book, it will be necessary to
make some Remarks on his Manner
of writing, especially his Hearsay Evi-
dence, which never was, nor never
must be allow'd in History by the
common Consent of Mankind. If
such a Liberty were permitted, we
could make an Anecdote of this
Author's Life, with the Stories which
daily Conversation furnishes, that in
Bulk would make a Volume equal
to his own; and if it were not too
mean to imitate his Example, and
expose the Conduct of private Life,
we could be very merry on this Sub-
ject, and entertain the Reader with
some Passages so agreeable, as would
convince him of his Vigour and
Manhood, as well as Gallantry.

As to his Language, and the Turn
of his Periods, they are in some
Places surprizingly mean and vulgar;
but

but there is one Expression in his Preface, which must not pass without a Remark, that is, *Thou God of my Life and all my Mercies!* This I am sure is not *English*, and, as I have been well inform'd, is no *Scotticism*; so that as these Words convey no distinct Idea, they are unintelligible, which in plain *English* is call'd Nonsense. It is certain there is a Beauty in that Simplicity of Style which he pretends to affect, but could never reach, as well as in the Dress and Habits of Men; but there is a Difference between Embroidery and Rags, and a certain Mean between a Fop and a downright Sloven; but he descends sometimes so very low in his Narration, that I have heard a Story told with a better Grace, and more extemporary Eloquence in a Chimney-Corner. His affected Repetition of some favourite Adverbs, tho' they signify nothing to the Sense, five or six times in the same Paragraph,

graph, is as shocking in writing, as humming and hawing are in speaking: Besides, his constant Use of ungraceful Expletives shews how little he understood the Beauties of the *English* Tongue, which perhaps is too redundant in Particles; but these, when not absolutely necessary, are easily avoided by every judicious and polite Author, who always writes the more correct the better he is bred, of which last Qualification the good Bishop has given us but very few Instances in this his Posthumous Performance.

One might have thought that Fury and Revenge, which seem the darling Passions of his Soul, should have animated his Genius, and fir'd his Imagination.

*Archilochum proprio rabies armavit
Iambo.*

But he has the Misfortune to be

be always most dull when most angry, by which he seems to lose a great deal of his Aim and Design, which is to make the Reader enter into his Sentiments, by enflaming as well as deceiving him. In this he would have succeeded better if he had wrap'd his Poison in a more palatable Vehicle, to have made it gone down the glibber ; but his Malice is so very pointless, impotent, and blunt, as to carry no Edge, and only tear and haggle the Throat which he would cut.

The first Remark we shall make, is the ill Blood which he carries thro' the whole Book against the Royal Family and the Episcopal Church in *Scotland*. The very first time that he mentions the King and Bishops, even in his Preface, is to let the World know that they were guilty of very great Errors. This he pretends to have had from his Father, who, he says himself, was a very great Royalist.

Royalist. The Confirmation of this we have from a Person of much better Credit, who, since the Publication of this Book, has oblig'd the World with a small Sketch of the Author's Life ; in which he says, the Father of the Bishop was a Person of inviolable Affection to the King ; and that if he had liv'd longer, he would have very much lamented to have seen the ill Conduct, and worse Principles, of his Son ; so that it is highly improbable that so virtuous a Man should have given him such wrong and unjust Impressions of any Body, especially his Prince, to whose Cause he was so zealously attach'd, and to whom he ow'd a Justice as well as Duty. The next thing worthy Observation, is the terrible Character which he gives of his own Country and Religion : For, p. 6. he tells us, " The Reformation
 " of *Scotland* was Popular and Par-
 " liamentary ; the Crown was, du-
 " ring

“ ring this Time, either on the Head
 “ of a Queen who was absent, or of
 “ a King that was an Infant. During
 “ his Minority, Matters were carried
 “ on by the several Regents, so as
 “ was most agreeable to the prevail-
 “ ling Humour of the Nation : But
 “ when King *James* came to be of
 “ Age, he found two Parties in the
 “ Kingdom ; the one was of those
 “ who wish’d well to the Interest of
 “ the Queen his Mother, then a Pri-
 “ soner in *England* ; these were
 “ either profess’d Papists, or Men
 “ believ’d indifferent to all Religion ;
 “ the rest were her inveterate Ene-
 “ mies, zealous for a Reformation,
 “ and fixt in a Dependance on the
 “ Crown of *England, &c.*” This
 Dependance on the Crown of *Eng-
 land* was certainly, at this Juncture,
 as treasonably criminal in *Scotland*, as
 in any other Monarchy or Govern-
 ment in the World ; for *England*
 was, at this time, as much a foreign
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Country, in regard to *Scotland*, as *China*; and every Correspondence with that Crown was actual Treason, without the Privy and Consent of the Prince then reigning. But supposing a Possibility of this universal Defection, as to Loyalty, is it conceivable that the Preaching of some turbulent and seditious Enthusiasts, in so short a time, should so totally extinguish all Sense of Honour and Virtue, nay, common Humanity, in so gallant a People as the *Scotch* Nation had been for so many Ages before? Shall it be said that none but Papists and Atheists acted like Christians, or at least were susceptible of noble and generous Passions, so far as to commiserate Beauty and Majesty in Distress, and to have some Bowels for that persecuted Innocence, whose Story fill'd all the unprejudic'd Part of Mankind with as much Indignation as Pity?

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Let the reverend Author say what he pleases, I can never believe the *Scotch* Nation so totally abandon'd, but that there were great Numbers of good Protestants, who, in Obedience to the Precepts of their holy Religion, condemn'd the Madneſs and Impiety of those Times, and still retain'd a Sense of their Duty and Allegiance to their Prince, with an hearty Abhorrence of that unnatural Rebellion, so contrary to the positive Commands of God Almighty deliver'd in the holy Scriptures.

The next Injustice is a positive Assertion, contrary to all moral Certitude, in which there is as much want of Charity as Assurance. This is a scandalous Character of the Duke of *Lenox*; of whom he says, p. 6 and 7, “ They also sent a graceful young Man, who, as he was the King’s nearest Kinsman by his Father, was of so agreeable a Temper

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“ per that he became his Favourite,
 “ and was by him made Duke of
 “ Lenox. He was known to be a
 “ Papist, tho’ he pretended he
 “ chang’d his Religion, and became
 “ in Profession a Protestant.” Thus
 the Bishop of Salisbury: We will now
 see what Archbishop Spotswood, a
 Writer of much more undisputed
 Probity, says of this Matter. *Spotsw.*
p. 324. “ Much perplex’d he was
 “ (*i. e.* the King) with the Reports
 “ of the Duke of *Lenox* his Death,
 “ who partly thro’ Grief, partly thro’
 “ the long and troublesome Journey
 “ he made in that cold and rainy
 “ Season, contracted a Fever at his
 “ coming to *Paris*, whereof after a
 “ few Days he died. Some Hours
 “ before his expiring, there came to
 “ him a Priest or two to do their ac-
 “ custom’d Service, whom he would
 “ not admit, professing to die in the
 “ Faith of the Church of *Scotland*,
 “ and to keep the Oath which he had
 “ given

“ given to the King inviolate. This
 “ the King made to be proclaim’d at
 “ *Edinburgh*, that the People might
 “ see what Wrong the Duke had
 “ sustain’d, during his Abode in
 “ the Realm, by the uncharitable
 “ Suspicions both of Ministers and
 “ others.” The Reader will here
 plainly see his Disingenuity in sup-
 pressing this Account, which he must
 have known; because he owns him-
 self to have read this History of
Spotswood, and which no Body could
 have doubted, if he had not thought
 fit to have told us so. Now, in Con-
 tradiction to this Authority, he bold-
 ly asserts that the Duke of *Lenox*
 was a Papist. What greater Certi-
 tude can we have of any Man’s Re-
 ligion, than when in his last Agony
 he avows with his expiring Breath
 that he dies in the same Opinion
 which he profess’d during Life? And
 what makes it still the more indubi-
 table, is, that he was now in a po-
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pish Part of the World, where, if he had been of that Persuasion, there is no room to imagine but he would have died in the Religion of the Country. More than all this, here is the Sanction of publick Authority, an Act of the Government, a Proclamation by the King to declare this Matter to the People. This is such a Testimony of a private Subject's Religion, which I believe no Man in *Scotland* ever had before or since. After the Notoriety of this Fact, what can we think of an Author who has the Confidence, in Contradiction to all these Motives of Credibility, thus to affirm that this Nobleman was a Papist? This is not only the Height of Injustice to the Dead, but an Imposition on the Living, as well as the greatest Arrogance in regard to God Almighty, thus to assume the Prerogative of Omniscience, by daring to enter into the secret Recesses of Man's Mind. So that after all, as
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there is no room left for the Possibility of a Mistake, or Ignorance, we must charge him with asserting a positive Untruth, contrary to his own Knowledge and the Conviction of his Conscience.

This is the Man, who declares that he cannot do God and the World greater Service than by publishing this Book, which he seems to dedicate to the Searcher of all Hearts, by that most solemn Appeal which he makes to him as Witness of the Truths which he asserts. If these, and such as these, are the Services which he has render'd to God Almighty, it is to be hop'd that he heartily repented in his last Moments; otherwise, without any Breach of Christian Charity, we have reason to be very much afraid, that somebody else has by this time paid him his Wages. But I will dwell no longer on this Part of his Impiety; it fills

fills me, as it must the Reader, with too much Horror.

Not content to injure private Persons, he judges with the same Rashness of Princes ; he first charges positively King *James* with writing a Letter to the Pope, and then comes off with a general Belief of that Matter. The Reader will best judge of his Charity by his own Words, p. 8. “ *The chief of these were El-*
 “ *phinston, Secretary of State, whom*
 “ *he made Lord Balmerinoch ; and*
 “ *Seaton, afterwards Chancellor and*
 “ *Earl of Dunfermlin ; by their Means*
 “ *he studied to assure the Papists that*
 “ *he would connive at them. A*
 “ *Letter was also writ to the Pope*
 “ *by him, giving Assurance of this,*
 “ *which, when it came to be pub-*
 “ *lish'd by Bellarmin, upon the Pro-*
 “ *secution of the Recusants, after the*
 “ *Discovery of the Gunpowder-Plot,*
 “ *Balmerinoch did affirm that he, out*
 “ *of Zeal to the King's Service, got*
 “ *his*

“ his Hand to it, having put it into
 “ the Bundle of Papers that were
 “ sign’d in course, without the King’s
 “ knowing any thing of it. Yet when
 “ that Discovery drew no other Seve-
 “ rity, but the turning him out of
 “ Office, and the passing a Sentence
 “ condemning him to die for it, which
 “ was presently pardon’d, (and he was,
 “ after a short Confinement, restor’d to
 “ his Liberty) all Men believ’d that the
 “ pretended Confession of the Secretary
 “ was only Collusion, to lay the Jea-
 “ lousy of the King’s favouring Po-
 “ pery, which still hung on him, not-
 “ withstanding his writing on the Re-
 “ velation, and his affecting to enter,
 “ on all Occasions, into Controversy,
 “ asserting in particular that the Pope
 “ was Antichrist.”

The Reader by this Paragraph
 may judge of the christian Temper
 of the Author, who, notwithstanding
 the Asseverations of a Person under
 Sentence of Death, will hearken to

no Arguments but the Suggestions of his own Malice, and with a surprizing Temerity affirm, that the King wrote to the Pope, without giving the least good Reason to support the Belief of such a Scandal, so derogatory to the Character of that Prince, who always liv'd a Protestant, and died a Protestant, having never own'd any other Religion ; who, as our Author says himself, wrote in Defence of the Reformation, and was in so ill Terms with his Holiness, that he endeavour'd to prove him Antichrist. What more certain Evidence can we have of any Man's Religion ? Nevertheless, it is plain that our Author would insinuate, and have his Reader believe, that he was a Papist in his Heart. After such a Violation of all Charity, why may we not, upon as good Grounds, and with equal Justice, insinuate that Dr. *Burnet* was no Christian ? I am sure we should have as many believe us.

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Before I part with this Paragraph, I must take notice of a very wise Saying in our great Historian, speaking of my Lord *Balmerinock's* Crime; he says, it drew no other Severity, but to turn him out of Office, and the passing a Sentence condemning him to die for it. What would our merciful Author have more, except the Power of Man had extended to Soul as well as Body? This is a most profound Remark; if a *Frenchman* should read this extraordinary *Coup d'esprit*, without enquiring into his Country, he would swear the Author was born in *Switzerland*. But my Lord *Balmerinock* was not put to Death; therefore being turn'd out of a great and profitable Post, and being sentenc'd to be hang'd, drawn, and quarter'd, was no great Severity in his Opinion. This wicked Secretary was not hang'd; therefore his Confession must be Collusion, and the King must know of the Letter;

as if a Prince could not have Compassion on a faithful Minister, who, thro' a rash and mistaken Zeal, presum'd without his Leave to serve him, and yet be guiltless himself. This is the Bishop's Logick, which, vicious as it is, notwithstanding he was a Doctor, is as good as his Divinity.

The Restoration of Episcopacy in *Scotland* was what our Author could never forgive in King *James VI.* of which he says thus, p. 9. “ *But*
 “ *tho' he set up Bishops, he had no Re-*
 “ *venues to give them, but what he was*
 “ *to purchase for them. During his*
 “ *Minority all the Tithes and Church-*
 “ *Lands were vested in the Crown;*
 “ *but this was only in order to the*
 “ *granting them away to the Men*
 “ *who bore the chief Sway. It is true,*
 “ *when he came of Age, according to*
 “ *the Law of Scotland, he past a ge-*
 “ *neral Revocation of all that had*
 “ *been done in his Infancy; and by*
 “ *this*

“ *this he could have resumed all those*
 “ *Grants.*” Here he acknowledges
 that the King had in his Power the
 Choice whether he would have paid
 the Grantees or no ; he could have
 restor’d to the Church those Tithes
 and Lands which in his Minority
 had sacrilegiously been taken away ;
 but he had the Generosity to give
 them a valuable Consideration. This
 Goodness and Bounty he never
 thinks fit to commend ; but, on the
 contrary, seems not only to condemn
 the Manner, but the very Design it-
 self, by the Reflections that he
 makes, p. 10. “ *The King intended*
 “ *to carry on a Conformity in Mat-*
 “ *ters of Religion with England, and*
 “ *he began to buy from the Grantees*
 “ *many of the Estates that belong’d to*
 “ *the Bishopricks. It was enacted that*
 “ *a Form of Prayer should be drawn*
 “ *for Scotland ; and the King was*
 “ *authoriz’d to appoint the Habits in*
 “ *which the divine Offices were to be*
 “ *per-*

“ perform’d. Some of the chief Holy-
 “ days were order’d to be observ’d;
 “ the Sacrament was to be receiv’d
 “ kneeling, and to be given to the Sick;
 “ Confirmation was enacted, as also
 “ the Use of the Cross in Baptism.”
 These are some of the chief Errors
 in the King and Bishops, for he
 mentions no other Actions, viz.
 the paying the Grantees the Value of
 Estates, to which they had no Right
 in Law or Equity, the restoring of
 the Cross in Baptism, and the obli-
 ging the People to kneel at the Sa-
 craments. All these things must
 needs give very great Offence, in a
 Country where the Gospel was pro-
 fess’d in the greatest Purity; such an
 Abomination calls loudly for the se-
 verest Censure from our Author; it is
 impossible that he should pass all
 this without giving a severe Repri-
 mand: Let us see therefore how he
 will take his Leave of this Paragraph,
 p. *ibid.* “ Great Opposition was made
 “ to

“ to all these Steps, and the whole
 “ Force of the Government was
 “ strain’d to carry Elections to these
 “ Meetings, or to take off those who
 “ were chosen, in which it was thought
 “ no sort of Practice was omitted.
 “ It was pretended some were frightened,
 “ and others were corrupted.” This
 is a very heavy Charge on the King,
 the Church, and Administration in
Scotland: But I must desire the
 Reader to take notice, that our Au-
 thor is not always equally rash and
 bold; sometimes he puts on a little
 Armour, and fights with Discretion;
 for when he has prepar’d you to be-
 lieve what he dares not positively as-
 sert, for fear of Conviction, he often
 intrenches himself in a Parenthesis,
 such as, it was thought, as it was pre-
 tended, &c. This Conduct secures
 him from a total Defeat, according
 to an old *English* Proverb, which is
 too mean and vulgar to be quoted.
 He goes on in the same Page with
 further

further Reflections on the Bishops ;
 of whom he says , “ *The Bishops*
 “ *themselves did their Part very ill ;*
 “ *they generally grew haughty, they*
 “ *neglected their Functions, were of-*
 “ *ten at Court, and lost all Esteem*
 “ *with the People ; some few that*
 “ *were stricter, and more learned, did*
 “ *lean so grossly to Popery, that the*
 “ *Heat and Violence of the Reforma-*
 “ *tion became the Subject of their Ser-*
 “ *mons and Discourses.*”

This is another Charge on the Bishops. It is probable that some of them were Privy-Counsellors, or under other Obligations of attending the Court ; but let their Call be what it will, I make no doubt but my Lord of *Sarum* was not less assiduous at *Whitehall* and *St. James's*, than the *Scotch* Bishops at *Holyroodhouse*, when the Hopes of a fatter Bishoprick, especially any Prospect of a Vacancy in the See of *Canterbury*, tempted his Ambition to make his
 Court ;

Court ; the Disappointment in which Pretensions has made his Resentment against a certain Prince, his greatest Benefactor , not unaccountable. I do not doubt, but the Number of Souls in so large a Diocese as *Salisbury*, requir'd his Lordship's Attendance at home, in Discharge of his Pastoral Care, as much as most Bishopricks in *Scotland*. In the forecited Paragraph he lets us into the Meaning of what he calls Papists, or being popishly inclin'd, with which he charges several both in *England* and *Scotland*, who could not, with any manner of Justice, be accus'd of being in the least inclin'd to that Religion. Upon this Head he uses a very short Method with his Enemies, who were all those who were orthodox in their Principles, and attach'd to the ancient and primitive Institution of the Church. These he distinguishes into Fools, or Knaves ; the one under the Denomination of weak

E Men ;

Men; and as for the others, when their Learning, or other great Qualities, make that Character absurd, he immediately dubs them either Papists, or Atheists, or inclin'd to Popery; in which last Class he reckons the *Scotch* Bishops, who were commendable either for the Strictness of their Lives or Learning; and the Reason which he gives for this Censure, was their preaching against Rebellion, and their condemning the Tumults, Sacrileges, Murders, Treasons, acted under *Knox*, and the principal Leaders of the People at the time of that great Change of Religion in *Scotland*, all which Violences have ever been lamented by wise, good, and moderate Men, as having given so great a Handle to the Enemies of the Protestant Religion, and brought as much Disgrace, as the contrary Conduct in the Church of *England* has done Honour to the Reformation. By this it seems
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that the mild, gentle, and legal Methods practis'd in *England* on the same Occasion, did not so well suit with the fiery and turbulent Temper of our Author, who seems in his Religion and Politicks very much to resemble the Nature of a Porpoise, a kind of Sea-Monster, who always delights in rough Water, and is seldom seen to sport and play but just before a Tempest.

Thus has he sum'd up the Errors which he charges on the King and Bishops; the chief of which in short are, their going too frequently to Court, their condemning the horrid Principles of *Knox* and *Buchanan*, their introducing a decent Discipline in the Church, and obliging the People to a Posture of Reverence at the most tremendous Mystery of the Christian Religion; all which he seems to blame, by falsely affirming that they could not be obtain'd but by indirect and corrupt Means. Thus

we are oblig'd to the profound Sagacity and Penetration of our Author, in discovering the secret Springs that gave the first Movement to those momentous Events which follow'd soon after. These Trifles, if they were true, in the Opinion of this great Man, are sufficient Causes to produce and justify that terrible Sedition which rag'd so many Years in *Scotland*, and at last ripen'd into *the Solemn League and Covenant*, the Parent of that unnatural Rebellion, which involv'd two flourishing Kingdoms in Blood and Desolation, destroy'd the best of Kings, the establish'd Church, and a Monarchy almost as ancient as the Rocks of our Island, with all the dismal Calamities which are inseparable from a Civil War, inspir'd by the Zeal and Madness of a false Religion.

The next ill grounded Insinuation is in relation to Prince *Henry*, whose immature Death he would have
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you believe was the Effect of Poison; for in p. 11. he has these Words:

*“ Whether his Aversion to Popery
 “ hasten’d his Death or no I cannot
 “ tell; Colonel Titus assur’d me, that
 “ he had from King Charles I.’s own
 “ Mouth, that he was well assur’d
 “ that he was poison’d by the Means
 “ of Somerset.”*

I am very tender of putting any forc’d Construction on the Meaning of the Author; nor would I venture to guess at any Design he might have, which his Words do not undeniably intimate, if I were not very apprehensive of a Snake in the Grass, and that he has laid a Trap for his Reader, of which I think myself oblig’d to give him Warning, that he may be upon his Guard. I should have more Charity for another who had not given the same Reason for Suspicion; but since I have been oblig’d to study so much this Historian, I am perfectly acquainted with his
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little Cunning, that crooked and serpentine Train of Malice, when he goes round about with a Design, at a Distance, thro' the Sides of one Man to wound another. He seems to take it for granted, that if this Prince was poison'd, it was upon account of his Aversion to Popery: Now *Somerſet*, whom he mentions, having never been accus'd, even by himself, of being favourable to that Religion, is not a very likely Person to have perpetrated such a Wickedness on that account. But the Bishop knew very well, that the Puritans at this time, with their usual Impudence, in most virulent Libels, charg'd the King himself with having made away his Son: Now he was sensible, if he could but once establish the Opinion of that Prince's being really poison'd, of course a great Part of the Suspicion would fall upon the King; for the Belief of which he has prepar'd the Reader, by telling

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ling him before, that King *James* fear'd his Son more than he lov'd him. Besides, the Pains which he has all along taken to make the World believe how much that Prince was addicted to Popery, both before and after he came to *England*, seem to mark him as the most likely to have made such a Sacrifice to his Fear and Bigotry. If this were his Design, the only way to defeat him, is to prove the Improbability of any Poison at all being in the Case, and to give the Readers some of the false Reasons for this unjust Surmise, which gave a Handle to the Malice of the Puritans. But first let us consider his hearsay Evidence, which we are not at all oblig'd to believe on his bare Assertion, after the Experience we have had of his Probity. But suppose Colonel *Titus* did really tell him so, it does not follow that King *Charles* I. might not possibly be misinform'd or mistaken.

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But for once, and no more, we will confront one Hearsay with another, which is a Story that formerly was very commonly told, tho' perhaps at present the Tradition may be a little worn out by the Length and greater Distance of Time: In the Reign of King *James* I. there was a very eminent Quack, and, if I mistake not, his Name was *Butler*, a notorious and most rigid Puritan. This Person happening to be present when the Body of Prince *Henry* was open'd, desir'd Leave to try an Experiment; upon which, taking a piece of Gold between his Fingers, which he had rub'd before with Quicksilver, or some other mercurial Preparation, he put it into the Prince's Mouth: After it had lain there some time, the Gold being taken out, by being discolour'd, and some other Marks, surpriz'd the Company, and gave a Suspicion of Poison; but this Imposture some time after being detected,

detected, confirm'd the contrary Opinion. This Story, whether true or no, has the Weight and Sanction of common Tradition, which I look upon as good Authority as the Author's Vouchers in the other World.

I should not have laid so much Stress on this Matter, if the Author had been speaking of any other Person but King *James*, against whom he has so inveterate a Malice, as is evident by the barbarous unjust Character which he gives of that Prince, who, it is true, had some Faults; but on the other hand he had as many conspicuous Virtues, which he does not vouchsafe to mention, while with the last Disingenuity he aggravates his Failings, in Violation of that Equity which is so absolutely essential to a just and faithful Historian.

The next Fault he finds with King *James*, was his Refusal to rush into a War with the Emperor, on behalf
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of his Son-in-law the Elector *Palatine* : He tells us, p. 13. “ That the
 “ English Nation was inclin’d to sup-
 “ port it, and it was expected that so
 “ near a Conjunction would have pre-
 “ vail’d on the King ; but he had an
 “ invincible Aversion to War ; and
 “ was so possess’d of the Opinion of the
 “ divine Right of all Kings, that he
 “ could not bear that an elective and
 “ limited King should be call’d in
 “ Question by his Subjects, so that he
 “ would never acknowledge his Son-in-
 “ law King.”

In the first place, we must consider that the Behaviour of *Frederick* towards his Father-in-law was so disrespectful, in not asking his Advice in a Matter of so great Consequence ; nay, not so much as acquainting him with his Resolution to accept the Crown of *Bohemia*, as might make King *James*, and not without Reason, the cooler in his Concerns. Yet notwithstanding the Justice of any Re-

Resentment which he might have on
 this Occasion, we find that this Prince
 left no Stone unturn'd to serve the
Paltsgrave, by Mediations, Treaties,
 and advantageous Proposals, made
 to the House of *Austria*, in order to
 restore him to his Patrimony, tho'
 he could not in Honour support his
 Pretensions to the Crown of *Bohemia*,
 the Possession of which had been
 founded on a Revolt of the *Bohe-*
hemians from their lawful Prince the
 Emperor. But without any Consi-
 deration of the divine Right of Kings,
 as our Author pretends, he had bet-
 ter Reasons to justify his Conduct;
 his Experience had shewn him how
 fatal this Politick in Queen *Elizabeth*
 had been to his own Mother. As no
 Prince would be willing that another
 Potentate should support the Rebel-
 lion of his own Subjects against him-
 self; so he could not in Prudence,
 as well as Justice, do that Injury to
 another which might be retaliated on
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his own Head. But the Argument does not turn on the Point either of Interest or Safety : There is no Dispute but King *James* had Inclination to have supported his Daughter, and her Children ; but the Question is, whether or no, by Force of Arms, was lawful in the Sight of God, who has commanded us not to do to another what we would not have done to ourselves ; there are Laws of Nations, and Rules of common Justice, to restrain Princes as well as other Men ; it seems that noblest Precept of Christianity had more Weight with the King than the Bishop, who ought to have been the better Divine, so much, as not to have let his Politicks run away with his Religion : But tho' he would not be govern'd by his Bible, he might have been instructed in the Casuistry of this Case by an honest old Heathen Author, *Tully*, who in his *Offices* has very well handled the Case of
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the *utile* and *honestum*, in which Discussion that Pagan, in Opposition to some modern Christian Divines, has fairly prov'd that every thing that is profitable is not just. This is true Morality, tho' contrary to the Opinion of our Author, and those of his Principles, who by their Practice all along have so confounded these two Notions as to make them convertible Terms, and to signify one and the same thing. Besides the Fault of King *James*, there is one Reason which he gives for *Frederick's* Misfortunes which is less weighty than diverting, p. 14. he tells us, " That
 " *his Queen set up some of the gay*
 " *Diversions which she had been ac-*
 " *custom'd to in her Father's Court,*
 " *as Balls and Masks, which very*
 " *much disgusted the good Bohe-*
 " *mians.*" If Balls and Masks are sufficient to make Princes lose the Affections of their Subjects, I am afraid that most of the crown'd Heads
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in *Europe* are but in an ill Condition at this time of Day. By this Remark of our Author we may plainly see that those *Hussites*, whom he calls his good *Bohemians*, very much resembled, in their Preciseness, the good Kirk of *Scotland*. And there is no doubt to be made, if that Princess had ventur'd to have introduc'd *English* Plumb-broth and Minc'd-pies, she would have given as much Scandal in *Bohemia*, as such an enormous Remnant of Popery has often done on the other Side of the *Twede*.

He renews his Attack upon King *James* in the next Page 15. " Other
 " *Circumstances concurr'd to make*
 " *King James's Reign inglorious: The*
 " *States having borrow'd great Sums*
 " *of Money of Queen Elizabeth, they*
 " *gave her the Brill and Flushing,*
 " *with some other Places of less*
 " *Note, in Pawn, till the Money should*
 " *be repay'd* ——— *ibid. Barnevolt*
 " *per-*

“perswaded the States to redeem the
 “Mortgage, by paying the Money
 “which England had lent, for which
 “those Places were put into her Hands;
 “and he came over himself to treat
 “about it. King James, who was
 “profuse on his Favourites and Ser-
 “vants, was delighted with the Pros-
 “pect of so much Money, and imme-
 “diately, without calling a Parlia-
 “ment to advise with them about it,
 “he did yield to the Proposals; so the
 “Money was paid, and the Places
 “were evacuated.” Here he arraigns
 a Prince for doing, what if upon
 any Pretence whatsoever he had re-
 fus’d, he must have violated both
 his Honour and Conscience. The
 Reader, I do not doubt, is entirely
 of my Opinion in this Matter; so I
 shall make no farther Remarks on
 this Blunder, by endeavouring to
 prove that Obligation, which every
 common Pawnbroker would have
 been asham’d not to have discharg’d,
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if no Law had oblig'd him to such a piece of Justice. Thus we may see how injudicious Men may be transported by Malice to break their own Teeth with gnawing the Virtues of their Enemies.

Now at last he brings this Prince to the End of a Reign, which with the last Injustice he has made so black and infamous. He goes on in the same Track of Scandal, and would have you believe that King James was poison'd as well as Prince Henry, p. 11. “ Soon after the
 “ King was taken ill of some Fits
 “ of an Ague, and died of it. My
 “ Father was then in London, and
 “ did very much suspect an ill Prac-
 “ tice in the Matter; but perhaps
 “ Dr. Craig, my Mother's Uncle, who
 “ was one of the King's Physicians,
 “ possess'd him with these Apprehen-
 “ sions; for he was disgrac'd for say-
 “ ing that he believ'd the King was
 “ poison'd.” Both these Notions he
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insinuates with the same View, probably to make the Son as wicked as the Father ; for it is very well known, that the Puritans made no Scruple to charge not only the Duke of *Buckingham*, but even King *Charles* himself, with having us'd foul Play towards his Father ; and this went so far as to be brought on the Stage by that Faction in Parliament, tho', to their Confusion, they could make nothing of the Matter, but to convince the World of their Malice. So that till we have better Authority, notwithstanding the Opinion of his Father and Uncle, we must condemn this Story as scandalous, being only rais'd by the Malice of the Puritans, a Set of Men, who, as it is manifest by their constant Conduct, being under no Restraints of Conscience, have always thought it not only just, but meritorious, to say any thing of their Enemies, especially when it is to advance their own wicked Designs, no-

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thing being more plain than that
 their View in this Forgery was to
 blacken the Reputation of King
Charles I. by charging him with Par-
 ricide : But providentially King
James died of a Semitertian Ague,
 a Distemper generally fatal to old
 Men, and whose Paroxisms were so
 periodical and regular as not possibly
 to be counterfeited by any Art of
 Poison ; besides, upon opening the
 Body there appear'd no Marks of
 Violence, but on the contrary all the
 Signs of a natural Death. As for
 what he says, "*That it is certain no*
King could die less lamented, or
less esteem'd than he was," this is
 all of a piece with the rest ; he must
 undoubtedly mean the Puritans in
 both Kingdoms ; for it is notorious
 that the Episcopal Party, both in
Scotland and *England*, especially in
 the latter, where the establish'd
 Church consisted of the Nobility,
 Gentry, and the Body of the People,
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very much regretted the Loss of this Prince. But this is no more, than what on the same Occasion, and which I shall take notice of in its proper Place, he says of his Grandson *Charles II.* whom he has treated after the same manner, as well as all the Royal Family, whom he worries with a most rabid Fury.

At the same time that he finds fault with King *James* for his Aver-
sion to the Puritans, he himself gives us such a Character of those People as wou'd make all Mankind detest them ; for, p. 17, he says, "*The Puritans*
"*gain'd Ground as the King and the*
"*Bishops lost it ; they put on external*
"*Appearances of great Strictness and*
"*Gravity ; they took more Pains in*
"*their Parishes than those who ad-*
"*her'd to the Bishops, and were often*
"*preaching against the Vices of the*
"*Court, for which they were some-*
"*times punish'd, tho' very gently."*

Here, as it is not his Custom to

praise his Enemies, he does not think fit to commend this Lenity of the Government, or shew any Mark of Resentment against the Ingratitude of those People, who so abus'd that Goodness. He proceeds in a farther Description of them, and tells us, " They were factious and insolent, and
 " both in their Sermons and Prayers
 " were always mixing severe Reflec-
 " tions on their Enemies." In the same Page he tells us, " They were
 " very spiteful against all those who dif-
 " fer'd from them, and were wanting
 " in no Methods that could procure
 " them good Usage or good Presents.
 " Of this my Father had great Occa-
 " sion to see many Instances; for my
 " Great-grandmother, who was a very
 " rich Woman, and much engag'd to
 " them, was most obsequiously courted
 " by them. Bruce liv'd conceal'd in
 " her House for some Years; and they
 " all found such Advantages in their
 " Submissions to her, that she was coun-
 " ted

“ ted for many Years the chief Support
 “ of that Party. Her Name was
 “ Rachel Arnot; she was Daughter
 “ to Sir John Arnot, a Man in great
 “ Favour, and Lord Treasurer De-
 “ puty; her Husband Johnston was
 “ the greatest Merchant of that Time,
 “ and left her an Estate of 2000 l.
 “ a year to be dispos’d of among her
 “ Children. And my Father marrying
 “ her eldest Grandchild, saw a great
 “ way into the Method of the Puri-
 “ tans.” After so vile a Character,
 as he has given of these People, one
 would have thought in Prudence he
 should have conceal’d the Faults of
 his Family, in being attach’d to Men
 of such ill Principles; a discreeter
 Author would have let the old
 Gentlewoman have slept quietly in
 her Grave, without bringing her
 again on the Stage, by telling the
 World that she was so very weak and
 silly as to be deluded by such hypo-
 critical Miscreants, and so criminal,
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as in Defiance of the Laws to harbour such Wretches in her House, and skreen them from the Hands of Justice. But it is to his Vanity that we owe this Story, to let the World know that one of his Ancestors was Lord Treasurer Deputy, and that another had 2000 *l. per Annum*: Without this View we had never heard of Mrs. *Rachel Arnot*, who seems to have communicated to her Posterity a great Resemblance of her Chaplains; for whoever will take the Pains to examine strictly her Great-grandson, will find exactly all the Lineaments of Master *Bruce*, and those holy Men, whose Characters he has so copiously given, and in which he seems to have drawn his own Picture to the Life: Whether or no our Author acquir'd those very same Talents and Qualities by Nature or Art I know not; if from the last, the Copy has very infinitely transcended the Original.

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Not content to have laid King *James* in his Grave, he will not let him be quiet there; but before he begins the succeeding Reign, rallies all his Malice to give one parting Blow. Hitherto he has not dar'd positively to accuse him but of common Wickedness; but now, to take his Leave, he boldly, and without mincing the Matter, peremptorily charges that Prince with the greatest Crime against God and Man, a wilful and premeditated Murder. This is the Affair of the Earl of *Murray*, of which he gives this Account, p. 19. “ *Eight*
 “ *Tears before that time, King James,*
 “ *on a secret Jealousy of the Earl of*
 “ *Murray, then esteem'd the handsomest*
 “ *Man of Scotland, set on the Mar-*
 “ *ques of Huntley, who was his mor-*
 “ *tal Enemy, to murder him, and by*
 “ *a Writing, all under his own Hand,*
 “ *he promised to save him harmless*
 “ *for it. He set the House in which*
 “ *he was on fire, and the Earl flying*
 “ *away*

“ away was follow’d and murder’d ;
 “ and Huntley sent Gourdon of Buc-
 “ quey with the News to the King.”
 Who would not believe in reading
 this Account, in which he mentions
Murray’s Beauty and the King’s
 Jealousy, that this was some Love
 Affair, and that the Murder against
 which he exclaims, if he had not
 told you the Manner, had been com-
 mitted by Sword or Pistol, or at
 least Poison in a clandestine way ?
 But let us see what Archbishop *Spots-*
wood says of this Matter : We must
 go back a little way to give the Rea-
 der more Light into this Affair,
 which was a Conspiracy against the
 King’s Person ; of which Archbishop
Spotswood says thus, p. 386. Bothwell
 is easily drawn in to condescend ; and
 the Conspiracy so order’d, that he and
 his Followers should, under Night, be
 let in at a back Passage that lay thro’
 the Lord Duke’s Stables ; and first
 that they should seize upon the Gates,
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take the Keys from the Porter, and go afterwards to the King's Chamber and make him sure. This is the Account of the Design, by which we may see how necessary it is for Sovereign Princes to have Guards for the Defence of their Persons, when we find such frequent Examples of the Kings of *Scotland* being expos'd to the Attempts of a few desperate Men, who have often succeeded in murdering, or making them Prisoners even in their own Bed-chambers. The same Author proceeds to give an Account of the Execution of the Design. When Bothwell, with his Company, had enter'd by the Way nam'd, and was come into the inner Court of the Palace, James Douglas, who minded nothing but the Relief of his Servants, drew a Number to break open the Doors where they were detain'd, and by the Noise thereof all in the Palace were put upon their Guard. The King was then at Supper; and being told

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that armed Men were in the nether Court, leaving the Rooms wherein he lodg'd, went up to the Tower, as a Place of greater Surety. Bothwell having directed some to inclose the Chancellor's Lodgings, lest he should escape, made towards the Queen's Rooms, where he expected to find Entry; and perceiving all shut upon him, call'd to bring Fire. But e'er they cou'd find any, Sir James Sandilands, one of his Majesty's Chamber, who had supp'd without the Palace with a Number of People of Edinburgh, entering by the Church of Holyrood House, did beat him and his Company from the Doors, and was in a Possibility of taking them all, if there had been any Lights; but these being all extinguish'd, Bothwell, with the Principals of his Company, made shift in the Dark and escap'd, returning by the same Way that he had enter'd. In his out-going he was encounter'd by a Gentleman of the Equerry, named John

John Shaw, whom he kill'd with a Pistol, yet lost some nine of his Followers, Men of small Note, who were executed next Morning. I have been more particular in giving this Account, to shew the Heinousness of the Crime with which the Earl of Murray was charg'd; in which Matter Bishop Spotswood proceeds, and gives a Relation of his Death, p. 387. The Enterprize thus defeated, Bothwell went into the North, looking to be supply'd by the Earl of Murray, his Cousin German; which the King suspecting, Andrew Lord O Chiltry was sent to bring Murray into the South, of purpose to work a Reconcilement betwixt him and Huntley; but a Rumour being rais'd in the mean while, that the Earl of Murray was seen in the Palace with Bothwell on the Night of the Enterprize, the same was entertain'd by Huntley (who waited then at Court) to make him suspected of the King; and prevail'd so far, as he

did purchase a Commission to apprehend and bring Murray to his Trial. The Nobleman, not fearing any such Course wou'd be us'd, was come to Dunybrissill, a House situated on the North of Forth, and belonging to his Mother the Lady Downe. Huntley being advertis'd of his coming, and how he lay there secure, accompany'd only with the Sheriff of Murray, and a few of his own Retinue, went thither and beset the House, requiring him to surrender. The Earl of Murray refusing to put himself into the Hands of his Enemies, after some Defence made, in which the Sheriff was kill'd, Fire was set to the House, and they within forc'd, by the Violence of the Smoak and Flame, to come forth. The Earl staid a great Space after the rest, and, the Night falling down, ventur'd among his Enemies, and breaking thro' the Midst of them, did so far out-run them all, as they suppos'd he had escap'd; yet searching among the Rocks, he was dis-

discover'd by the Tip of his Head-piece, which had taken Fire before he left the House, and unmercifully slain.

This is *Spotswood's* Account of this Matter, which I have given entire, to prevent any Objections of Partiality, and that the Reader may be the better Judge of the whole Affair. The Truth of this Narration cannot be doubted, the Archbishop of *St. Andrews* being then on the Spot, and, as it were, an Eye-witness of this Matter, which happen'd not long before he wrote, and which so many living Witnesses could have contradicted, if not true. So that we may venture to say, that this is the first time, ever since there was such a thing as Government, that the Death of a Person, charg'd with the greatest of Crimes against the Prince, a Design on his Person, and who not only refus'd to submit to the Civil Power, who came with a lawful Authority to apprehend him, but re-

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sisted, and kill'd the Sheriff in the Execution of his Office, was ever adjudg'd to be Murder. This will seem the stranger in *England*, where the Authority of that Officer is so sacred, that the meanest of his Bailiffs, upon a Civil Action, when the Safety of the Government is unconcern'd, is allow'd to kill any one who shall resist him in the serving of a common Writ; an Instance of which we had very lately, in the Case of Captain *Lutterel*. But the Account given by the Bishop of *Salisbury* is directly contrary to Truth in every Particular: He says that the King laid hold on the Hatred of *Huntley* towards *Murray*, to incite him to the Murder; and Archbishop *Spotswood* on the other hand tells us, that the King sent the Lord *O Chiltry* into the North to bring up *Murray*, in order to a Reconciliation with the Marquess of *Huntley*. In the meanwhile Information was given of his
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being concern'd with *Bothwell* in the Conspiracy, and actually with him in Person at the time of the Enterprize; upon which the Warrant was given by the King for his Apprehension.

I cannot in the least doubt but the Reader is by this time sufficiently satisfy'd of the Disingenuity and Injustice of our Author, in this barbarous Aspersion on the Memory of King *James VI.* If he had been more candid and sincere in the rest of his Book, this one Story is enough to blast his Credit, by destroying all Opinion of his Faith and Probity: This one Instance is sufficient to shew the Man and his Principles.

——— *Crimine ab uno*
Disce omnes ———

As it is not easy to find Words that can express a just Indignation against this cruel Treatment of a Crown'd
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Head in the Grave, so it is not less difficult to assign any reasonable Cause for this extravagant and unaccountable Malice against this Prince, who was dead at least eighteen Years before the Author was born; so he could have receiv'd no personal Injury from King *James*; and if any Injustice had been done to his Ancestors, we should have heard that with both Ears from our Author, whose Vanity would not let him slip any Occasion of mentioning his Family, to whom one must otherwise have concluded, that some great Outrage had been done; that this wicked Prince had confiscated and taken away the Estate of 2000 *l. per Annum*, belonging to the great Merchant *Johnstoun*; or, at least, in some Transport of his Lust, had ravish'd good *Rachel Arnot*.

Our Historian now opens a new Scene under *Charles I.* whose Errors he makes as hereditary as his Title; and

and as he dwells most of this Reign, as in the preceding, on the Affairs of *Scotland*, we find the same Partiality, the same Injustice, the same wrong Turns, and every thing set in the same false Light as before ; upon all which, if we should particularly animadvert, the Objections and Remarks would be as endless as the Errors and Falshoods which he would impose on the World : But with all the Pains that he takes, the Arguments which he uses to lessen the Character of this Prince, and to make him deserve his Misfortunes, are easily refuted, by only doing him the Justice to let the World know, that he was constantly betray'd, and always, with the Fate of his Family, by those under the greatest Obligations of Fidelity. What humane Prudence could succeed, when those, to whose Custody was committed the Care of his Person, when the very Men who lay in his Bed-chamber took that Opportunity to

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pick his Pockets when asleep, and send Copies of his Letters to his Enemies? A modest Distrust of himself made him often rely on the Advice of others, whose Judgment was less than his own; a Fatality, which could hardly be prevented, by the Difficulty of finding many of his Subjects who had more. As most of his Faults were the Extreames of his Virtues, the fatal Condescensions that he made to his Parliaments proceeded from the Excellency and Goodness of his Nature, and from the Integrity of a Heart which desir'd so passionately to give all manner of Satisfaction to his People, who made so ill Use of that Bounty. But with all his Failings, before he fell into the Hands of his Enemies, he had it in his Power to have sav'd both his Life and his Crown at the Expence of his Conscience; and not only the King, but his two great Ministers, *Strafford* and *Land*, had all three gone to the
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Grave with their Heads on their Shoulders, if they would have consented to sacrifice the Church, and abolish Episcopacy. That this was the true and only Quarrel, is plain by *the Solemn League and Covenant*, in which there is no Complaint of Liberties invaded, but only an impious Engagement to extirpate Prelacy in *England, Scotland, and Ireland*. But without doing this Violence to his Conscience, with all his Faults and Mistakes, both real and imaginary, if his Councils had been kept secret, and his Orders faithfully executed, he would still have vanquish'd his Enemies, and *England* have escap'd the Infamy of that Stroke which no Time can obliterate. We should have wanted one Red-letter Day in our Calendar, and should not at this time, in the second and third Generation, have been expiating the Sins of our Fathers: Then the World, which always judges of Men and Actions only

by Success, would have seen those Virtues in the Sun-shine of prosperous Fortune, which now they cannot discover thro' the Clouds of Adversity ; we should at this Day with Pleasure be reading his Story, and admiring the King and the Hero, instead of bewailing the Saint and the Martyr.

P. 26. there is an extraordinary Remark. “ *But the unaccountable*

“ *Part of the King's Proceeding was,*

“ *that all this while, when he was en-*

“ *deavouring to recover so great a*

“ *Part of the Property of Scotland,*

“ *as the Church-Lands and Tithes*

“ *were, from Men who were not like-*

“ *ly to part with them willingly,*

“ *and when he was going to change*

“ *the whole Constitution of that Church*

“ *and Kingdom, he rais'd no Forces to*

“ *maintain what he was about to do.*

“ *By this all People saw the Weakness*

“ *of the Government, at the same time*

“ *that they complain'd of his Rigour.”*

Here our good Author combates a

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Phantasm of his own raising, and falls into his usual Inconsistencies and Contradictions of himself. What Rigour, what Change of the Constitution in Church and State can he possibly mean? As to the Government of the Church, the King found it Episcopal at his Accession to the Throne; and as for the Tithes and Church-lands, he has own'd himself before, that they were legally vested in the Crown, according to the Laws of *Scotland*, in the Time of his Father *James VI.* So here could be no Violation of Property, in taking that to which no Body had a Right, but himself, according to Law. However, he was so generous as to pay them the Value of those Lands, which was a meer Act of Bounty. This he confirms in a Page or two before; where he tells that the King bought the Abbies of *Aberbroth* and *Glasgow*, with *English* Money, of the Dukes of *Lenox* and *Hamilton*, both which

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Abbies he gave to the Church ; the one to that of *St. Andrews*, and the other to *Glasgow*. Why he mentions that these Lands were bought with *English* Money we cannot imagine: What it may be in *England*, the Exportation of so much Coin, I know not ; but I am confident that the bringing in so much good *English* Money was not thought a very great Crime in *Scotland*.

By this we may see how our Author argues ; the giving Lands to the Church, and Money to his Subjects, he calls changing the Constitution in Church and State. This was the Violation of Property against which he so exclaims ; this was the Violence which ought to be supported by standing Troops. If Dr. *Burnet* had been Minister to this Prince, we see what fine Council he would have given him. By this political Reflection we may judge that the Author was better vers'd in the Maxims of *Matchiavel*,
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than the Precepts of the Gospel. Thus this Remark in our great Historian affects not the Prudence and Conduct of this Prince, who having no ill Design, had no occasion for ill Means to support his Integrity and Innocence. *P. 33.* he renews his Character of the Presbyterian Ministers in *Scotland*, which can have no other Effect on the Reader, but to raise his Astonishment as well as Indignation, to consider how such Wretches, as he himself describes them, should have the Influence so absolutely to govern the Nobility, Gentry, and common People of one Kingdom, and infect so great a Part of another.

The Author and his Friends, in Justification of the Rebellion against *Charles I.* have always endeavour'd to make the World believe that the King was the Aggressor, and by his ill Government and Oppressions forc'd the People to take up Arms
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in their own Defence. But he now gives another Account of the Motives which engag'd the *Scots* to join with the *English* in the War, tho' at the same time he does not, in telling his Story, very much consult the Honour of his Country; for p. 35. he says thus: "*When the War broke out*
 "*in England, the Scots had a great*
 "*Mind to go into it; the decay'd No-*
 "*bility, the military Men, and the*
 "*Ministers, were violently set on*
 "*it; they saw what good Quarters*
 "*they had in the North of England.*"
 Thus, thro' his Inadvertency, he gives us the true Motives which engag'd that wicked People to join in that unnatural War against the best of Men and Kings: So that, by his own Confession, it is evident that their true Design was to get the unrighteous Mammon of *England*, and to wallow in the Plunder of a Country so much better than their own; all which, the Hypocrites varnish'd
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ning : When he has a mind to do Mischief, he first affects an Air of Impartiality, and pretends to do Justice ; then immediately afterward he uses so many Innuendo's, and spends his whole Quiver of Stories in Contradiction to what he said before ; whereas, if he was truly sincere, and had a mind that Truth should triumph, he would take a contrary Method, and conclude with his Arguments on that Side where he design'd to leave the most lasting Impression.

But let us see what he says of my Lord of *Antrim*, p. 40. “ Upon this
 “ Occasion I will relate something of
 “ my Lord of Antrim. I had in my
 “ Hand several of his Letters to the
 “ King in the Year 1646, writ in a
 “ very confident Style. One was some-
 “ what particular : He in a Postscript
 “ desir'd the King to send the inclos'd
 “ to the good Woman, without making
 “ any Excuse for the Presumption, by
 “ which, as follows in the Postscript,
 “ he

“ he meant his Wife the Dutcheſs of
 “ Buckingham. This makes me the
 “ more eaſy to believe a Story that the
 “ Earl of Eſſex told me he had from
 “ the Earl of Northumberland.” I
 cannot but take notice of this noble
 Inference, which is another Specimen
 of the Biſhop’s Logick : Becauſe the
 Earl of *Antrim* was a little too fami-
 liar, and wanted Ceremony with his
 Prince ; therefore he will believe any
 Bad of him, that he was a Raw-head
 and Bloody-bones, and eat up Wo-
 men and Children, as we ſhall ſee
 by the Sequel. But to proceed with
 his Story. “ Upon the Reſtoration,
 “ in the Year 1660, Lord Antrim
 “ was thought guilty of ſo much Blood-
 “ ſhed, that it was taken for granted
 “ that he could not be included in the
 “ Indemnity that was to paſs in Ire-
 “ land. Upon this he (Lord Antrim)
 “ ſeeing the Duke of Ormond ſet
 “ againſt him, came over to London,
 “ and was lodg’d in Somerſet-houſe ;

“ and it was believed, that having no
 “ Children, he settled his Estate on
 “ Jermyn Earl of St. Alban's; but
 “ before he came away, he had made a
 “ prior Settlement on his Brother. He
 “ petition'd the King to order a Com-
 “ mittee of Council to examine the War-
 “ rants that he had acted upon. The
 “ Earl of Clarendon was for rejec-
 “ ting his Petition, as containing a
 “ high Indignity on the Memory of
 “ King Charles I. and said plainly,
 “ that if any Person had pretended to
 “ affirm any such thing while they
 “ were at Oxford, he would either
 “ have been severely punish'd for it, or
 “ the King would soon have had a
 “ very thin Court; but it seem'd just
 “ to see what he had to say for him-
 “ self: So a Committee was nam'd, of
 “ which the Earl of Northumberland
 “ was Chief. He produced then some
 “ of the King's Letters; but they did
 “ not come up to a full Proof. In one
 “ of them the King wrote, that he
 “ had

“ had not then Leisure, but referr’d
 “ himself to the Queen’s Letter, and
 “ said that was all one as if he had
 “ writ himself. Upon this Founda-
 “ tion he produc’d a Series of Letters
 “ writ by himself to the Queen, in
 “ which he gave her an Account of
 “ every one of those Particulars that
 “ were laid to his Charge, and shew’d
 “ the Grounds he went on, and de-
 “ sir’d Directions. To every one of
 “ these he had Answers, ordering him
 “ to do as he did. This the Queen-
 “ Mother espoused with the greatest
 “ Zeal, and said she was bound in
 “ Honour to save him. I myself was
 “ then at Court, and saw a great deal
 “ of that Management.” As I be-
 lieve there is no one who has any
 Knowledge of the World, or the
 least Veneration for the Memory of
 Charles I. will believe this absurd
 Story as it is represented, I do not
 doubt but to shew such Improbabili-
 ties as will shock the Faith of the
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most Credulous, tho' never so much bias'd to the Author. In the first place, he does not tell us any Particulars when, how, and where this Blood was shed : He must mean the Massacre, or something of that Nature ; for any other Bloodshed in the Field of Battle, in open War, and by Persons acting under a lawful Commission, could not be counted so criminal : If it were otherwise, is it possible to conceive that the *Rump Parliament*, and afterward *Cromwell*, would have let my Lord *Antrim* have sat quiet for twelve Years, if they could have charg'd him with any thing of that Nature, especially when they were tempted by the Confiscation of so noble an Estate, on which there was so great a Dependence and Vassalage ? How absurd must it be therefore to believe that my Lord *Antrim*, who drew his Sword for the Crown, upon a Restoration in the Year sixty, should

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want that Indemnity and Pardon, for which he had no Occasion under the Usurpation of forty-eight? He might have had better Authority for this Story, if true, by recourse to the Council-Books. But supposing there should remain no Minutes of this Matter, there was no need of appealing to the Dead by this double Hearsay; the Author could have given us a more authentick Account himself from his own Knowledge of this Affair; for he says, "*I myself saw a great deal of this Management, for I was then at Court.*" But this Assertion must not pass without a Remark. If we may believe the Date of his Birth on his Monument in *Clerkenwell* Church, Dr. *Gilbert Burnet* was born in *September 1643*, so that he was but between sixteen and seventeen Years of Age at the Restoration in 1660; at which time he affirms that he was at Court, and saw a great deal of the Manage-

Management of Affairs. Now I appeal to the Conscience of the Reader, whether or no it is credible, that so young, and consequently so raw a Person, at most but an overgrown School-boy, at this time mean and obscure, and of a Family by his Mother's Side so obnoxious, as to be excepted out of that Grace which was extended to the Guilt of a whole Nation, should have so much Interest as to be admitted at Court, let into the Secrets of State, and enter the Cabinet of Princes. I do not in the least doubt, but that if a strict Enquiry was made, it would be found that the Author was not yet come to *London* the Summer of the Restoration 1660. But let that be how it will, no Body can believe the last Part of the Story, that he was let into the Secrets of Queen-Mother at *Somerset-house*. This Blunder is so unaccountable, as to make one admire how the Author could possibly be

be so stupidly careless, as not to reflect better on the Circumstances of his own Age, before he ventur'd to impose so gross an Absurdity on the World. This verifies an old *English* Proverb, by shewing how necessary it is for one Sort of Men to have very good Memories. By this we may see, how little we can rely in other Matters of Fact, on the Faith and Veracity of a Man, who so blindly follows the Dictates of his Passion at the Expence of his Conscience; who, to gratify his Rancour and Malice against the royal Family, makes no Scruple of stabbing the Memory of an innocent Princess, the Mother and Grandmother to five of his Kings and Queens, whose Subject he had the Honour to be born, and for whose sake, if upon no other Account, he ought to have treated with more Respect and Justice their common Parent.

In the following Page he gives us
an Account of the *Scots* Commissio-
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ners, who came to protest against putting the King to Death. In this Dispute he gives the Victory to Cromwell over his old Friends and Acquaintance the Covenanters. That the Reader may the better judge, we will see the doughty and irrefragable Arguments which gave the Advantage to Cromwell, and which the Doctor seems to admire, p. 42. “ They began in
 “ a heavy languid Style to lay indeed
 “ great Load on the King; but they
 “ still insisted on that Clause in the Co-
 “ venant, by which they swore that
 “ they would be faithful in the Pre-
 “ servation of his Majesty’s Person.
 “ Upon this they shew’d upon what
 “ Terms Scotland, as well as the
 “ two Houses, had engag’d in the War,
 “ and what solemn Declarations of
 “ their Zeal and Duty to the King they
 “ all along publish’d, which would
 “ now appear, to the Scandal and Re-
 “ proach of the Christian Name, to
 “ have been false Pretences, if when
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“ the King was in their Power they
 “ should proceed to Extremities. Upon
 “ this Cromwell enter’d into a long
 “ Discourse upon the Nature of Regal
 “ Power, according to the Principles
 “ of Mariana and Buchanan; he
 “ thought a Breach of Trust in a
 “ King ought to be punish’d more than
 “ any other Crime whatsoever. He
 “ said, as to the Covenant, they swore
 “ to the Preservation of the King’s
 “ Person, in Defence of the true Reli-
 “ gion: If then it appear’d that the
 “ Settlement of the true Religion was
 “ obstructed by the King, so that they
 “ could not come at it but by putting
 “ him out of the way, then the Oath
 “ could not bind them to the prefer-
 “ ving him any longer. He said also,
 “ that the Covenant did bind them to
 “ bring all Malignants, Incendiaries,
 “ and Enemies to the Cause, to con-
 “ dign Punishment: And was not this
 “ to be executed impartially? What
 “ were all those on whom publick Jus-
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" tice had been done, especially those
 " who suffer'd for joining of Montrois,
 " but small Offenders acting by Com-
 " mission from the King, who was
 " therefore the Principal, and so the
 " most guilty? Drumond said, Crom-
 " well had the better of them at their
 " own Weapons, and upon their own
 " Principles." The Author was no
 doubt of Mr. Drumond's Opinion, or
 else he would have taken notice of
 the wretched Sophistry of these Ar-
 guments, which, weak and unconclu-
 sive as they are, seem still to be better
 than any thing that I yet ever saw of
 Cromwell's, whose Speeches are dark
 and unintelligible, with very ill
 Grammar, and often worse Sense.
 We will therefore conclude that they
 are the Author's own; and I am very
 glad to find they are no better. But
 notwithstanding he gives the Advan-
 tage to Cromwell, we will examine a
 little whether or no with Justice. Tho'
 he has thought fit to produce no other
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Arguments on the Commissioners Side, but the Obligation of their Oath in the *Covenant*; that alone was sufficient to restrain them from offering any Violence to the King's Person, whom they had so solemnly sworn to defend, and which Promise could not be eluded without the vilest Hypocrisy and manifest Perjury. But as for *Cromwell's* Argument, that they could not come at the Settlement of the true Religion but by putting the King out of the way, if it were right, as to Reason and Justice, it is false in fact; for the King had just before, in the Treaty at the *Isle of Wight*, consented to establish Presbytery even in *England*, and would have done the same with less Reluctance in *Scotland*, where they had been us'd before to that Sort of Church Government. As for the Principles drawn from *Buchanan* and *Mariana*, they have been confuted by the Voice of God and Man, and so often baffled by all sort
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of Writers, Lawyers, as well as Divines, that there is no need of meddling with that Subject ; yet this way of Reasoning, absurd and fallacious as it is, seems to tickle our Author, who might have seen into the Weakness of these Arguments ; but he could not extinguish first Principles, and divest himself of those Prejudices, which he had suck'd in with his Mother's Milk ; so difficult it is, when the Bias is strong, not to let our Reason and Judgment be carried away by the Torrent of Inclination.

The Author proceeds in the Affairs of *Scotland*, where at this time, by his own Account, there reign'd such a Spirit of Enthusiasm and Faction in the Preachers, as to leave it doubtful, whether the Insolence of the Ministers, or the Tameness of the State in suffering such Indignities, were greater. And now he brings *Charles I.* to the last Scene of his Life, in which there was somewhat so christian, so heroick,

heroick, so beyond all Example surprizing, as to extort, even from the Disingenuity of the Author, a Confession of that Greatness in the Man, which he had all along before deny'd to the Character of the Prince. I must be so just to the Bishop, as to observe that he has treated Archbishop *Land*, and my Lord *Strafford*, when in the same Circumstances, with the same Generosity. My Lord *Montross* also tasted a little of his Favour only by being hang'd; as if the Pleasure and Satisfaction of having brought his Enemies to the Gallows had vanquish'd his Spleen, and put him enough in good Humour to do a little Justice at last. All this is the Effect of his Cunning, and not from any Goodness in his Nature, by this dissembled Air of Impartiality to make his Reader the more easily believe all he has said to their Prejudice before.

The Arrival of *Charles II.* in *Scotland*, after the Treaty of *Breda*,
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has given the Author an Opportunity to paint the Covenanters in their proper Colours ; but what is surprizing, is, after the unaccountable Treatment of that Prince among them, even by his own Confession, that he should afterwards blame and be angry with him, for having no very great Kindness for a sort of Men, who had loaded him with so many Indignities. And what is still more inconsistent, is, that the very same Persons, whom in their publick Capacity, and by their Actions, he has made unworthy the Name of Men, when he comes to give their particular Characters, are all his Saints and his Hero's.

The Author having now buried the King, the Monarchy, and the Church, proceeds to the Funeral of his own Country, which he seems to mention not only with Unconcern, but a Pleasure very unbecoming a Scotsman, p. 61.

“ *There was a considerable Force of*
 “ *about 7 or 8000 Men kept in Scot-*
 “ *land.*

“ land. Those were paid exactly, and
 “ strictly disciplin’d. The Pay of the
 “ Army brought so much Money into
 “ the Kingdom, that it continued all
 “ that while in a very flourishing
 “ State. Cromwell built three Cita-
 “ dels, at Leith, Air, and Inverness,
 “ besides many little Forts. There
 “ was good Justice done, and Vice was
 “ suppress’d and punish’d. So that
 “ we always reckon those eight Years
 “ of Usurpation a Time of great Peace
 “ and Prosperity.” This is the Ac-
 count which the Doctor gives, with
 so much cold Blood, of his Coun-
 try’s being subdu’d by their ancient
 and hereditary Enemy, different in
 every thing but Language, in Laws,
 Customs and Religion; for the Pres-
 byterians of Scotland had as much
 Aversion to the Anabaptists, Inde-
 pendants, and other Sectaries, who
 were their Masters, and bore the
 Sway at this time in England, as they
 had to the Church of that Name.

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What a strange Idea would the Author give us of the Poverty of his Country, as to make so wretched an Equivalent, as the Pay of 8000 Men spent among them, compensate for the Loss of the greatest of Blessings, that of Liberty? That *Scotland* was as absolutely reduc'd at this time, as ever any one Nation was conquer'd by another, is past Dispute; Forts and Citadels built to bridle and restrain them, with all other Marks of Servitude and Slavery. In such a melancholy Situation, can we possibly conceive that the *Scotch* Nation, let the Lenity of the Conqueror be never so great, could be so abandon'd to all Sense of Shame, as not to feel the Weight of those Chains which they could not break? Was the Loss of their Monarchy, boasted the most ancient in Christendom, their entire Constitution and Independence, no Evil? This he calls a flourishing Condition, to be subject
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to their Fellow-Subjects, under the Confusion and Anarchy which reign'd at this time in the Government of *England*; while so ancient a Nobility, perhaps the most illustrious in *Europe*, had the Honour to be Vassals to Draymen and Cobblers: This he calls a Time of great Peace and Prosperity. As nothing is great or little, good or bad, but when compar'd with another; so it is the Change of Condition that makes the Misery; the Thought of the present with Reflection on the past. This was the State of *Scotland* at this time, who could not without Sighs look back on her ancient Glory, and remember her noble Progenitors, who made so considerable a Figure in the World, were courted by foreign Alliances, even the greatest in Christendom; who for so many Ages defended their Freedom; and, under all the Disadvantages of Climate, Soil, and Situation, without any other

Fund but their personal Valour and Virtue, resisted so long the Riches and Power of *England*; who, tho' over-run for a time, always recover'd their Losses at last; and in their Turn not only repell'd, but often defeated, pursu'd, and at his own Door insulted the insolent Victor. I will say no more, but leave him to the Correction of his own Countrymen, who, if they have any of that old and generous Blood in their Veins, will find it all flush in their Cheeks, and feel a Pulsation in every Artery at the Mention of such a Reproach.

P. 64. he first mentions Doctor *Sharp*, afterward Archbishop of *St. Andrews*. Against this reverend and worthy Prelate the Author seems to have a most inveterate and implacable Malice; for he treats him all along not only with the last Injustice, but Fury, in Violation of that Humility which is essential to a good Clergyman, the good Manners infe-

inseparable from a Gentleman, and that Charity so absolutely necessary to every Christian. Of this great and good Man he tells us a second-hand scandalous Story, which he pretends to have from Bishop *Wilkins*, p. 64. "Upon this *Wilkins* spoke to Sharp, that it was plain by their Breach that Presbytery could not be manag'd so as to maintain Order among them, and that an Episcopacy must be brought in to settle them; but Sharp could not bear the Discourse, and rejected it with Horror." Here is another hearsay Evidence, which no Man can contradict to a Confutation without raising the Dead. This is such an Invention in Writing, as will sap the Foundation of all Credit, and open a Door to a Torrent of Scandal, whenever an Author, under no Restraint of Honour and Conscience, will let loose the Reins to his Malice, and follow the Dictates of his

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reigning Passion. This is a Method as much against the Laws of History, after this manner to assassinate a Man's Reputation, where there can be no Defence, as Dark-lanterns and Stilettoes are unlawful Weapons to attack his Person. In this Case there is nothing to be done, but to refer the Reader to the general Character of the Man, and fairly leave him to his own Opinion, whether he will believe the Accuser, or the Accused. Dr. *Sharp* liv'd in a time when Episcopacy was depos'd, and Presbytery the reigning and establish'd Religion in *Scotland*, which is an Excuse for being of that Ministry, tho', in his Judgment, it is more than probable, that he had a better Opinion of the old and primitive Government of the Church. As the Kirk then was divided into two Factions, he chose the Party of the Resolutioners, which were the more moderate Men, and not disaffected to

to the King and regal Government; whereas the Protesters were in a strict Alliance with the Republican Sectaries in *England*. This makes it improbable, that Dr. *Sharp*, who was a Royalist in his Heart, should have such an Aversion to an Order, of which he was afterwards so great an Ornament, as well as Support, and who could not but know that the Crown and the Mitre were so interwoven as always to support one another. The Case being thus, if Dr. *Sharp* was innocent of what is laid to his Charge, which is more than probable, the Scandal must lie between Dr. *Burnet* and Dr. *Wilkins*; but the last being *rectus in Curia*, is to be prefer'd in the good Opinion of the World before the other, whom we have already so often convicted of wilful Untruth. Besides, if the thing were true, there are some Grains of Allowance for humane Prudence, in not being too open before a Man who

who had married the Sister of *Oliver Cromwell*.

After having shew'd some Dissatisfaction, that *Cromwell* refus'd the Kingship, because our Author believ'd that it would eternally have shut the Door against any Hope of a Restoration, he falls foul upon the Cavaliers, whom he seems to charge with Hypocrisy, for striking in with the Republican Party against that Usurper, p. 79. "They were then all
 "zealous Commonwealth Men, according to the Directions sent them
 "from those about the King. Their
 "Business was to oppose *Cromwell* on
 "all his Demands; and so to weaken
 "him at home, and expose him abroad.
 "When some of the other Party took
 "notice of this great Change, from
 "being the Abettors of Prerogative to
 "become the Patrons of Liberty, they
 "pretended their Education in the
 "Court, and their Obligation to it
 "had engag'd them that way; but
 "now

“ now since that was out of Doors,
 “ they had the common Principles of
 “ humane Nature and the Love of
 “ Liberty. By this means, as the old
 “ Republicans assisted and protected
 “ them, so at the same time they
 “ strengthen'd the Faction against
 “ Cromwell. But these very Men at
 “ the Restoration shook off this Dis-
 “ guise, and reverted to their old
 “ Principles, for a high Prerogative
 “ and absolute Power: They said they
 “ were for Liberty, when it was a
 “ Mean to distress one who they thought
 “ had no Right to govern; but when
 “ the Government return'd to its old
 “ Channel, they were still as firm to
 “ all prerogative Notions, and as
 “ great Enemies to Liberty as ever.”

Here the Author, under a Colour
 of reflecting on the Cavaliers, has
 pull'd off the Mask, and plainly
 shew'd us his Principles: He calls
 being a Republican to have the Prin-
 ciples of humane Nature; and makes

the Prerogative of the Crown and the Liberties of the People inconsistent in themselves. But if the Doctor, with the same Application, had studied our own Constitution, as well as that of *Geneva* and *Swisserland*, he might have seen, without Spectacles, the Bounds which the Laws have set to both ; and that the same Authority or Sanction, which gives the People their Right, entitles the King to his. So that, without any Contradiction, the Cavaliers might have retain'd the Principles of humane Nature with a Love of Liberty, and at the same time have asserted the King's just and legal Prerogative. By this it is plain that the Bishop of *Salisbury* was no more a Friend to the Monarchy, to the Constitution in the State, than in the Church of *England*.

This was certainly a very innocent Dissimulation ; and if the Author had never been guilty of a worse, he would not have had Mankind in
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Arms against him to detect his Forgeries. Nothing can be more unreasonable, than to call the Conduct of the Cavaliers in this Point Hypocrisy and Prevarication, the making use of one Tyrant to destroy another; as if an honest Man being robb'd by two Thieves, who should quarrel in sharing the Booty, were not at liberty to take part with the one, in order to destroy and recover his Money from both. The Cases are so parallel, as must convince the Reader that our good Author sometimes nods, and is often as weak, as he is always malicious.

From abusing the honest Party in *England*, he proceeds to a national Reflection, in which he shews as much Ignorance, as Injustice. Speaking of the *Irish* who follow'd the Fortunes of King *Charles II.* in Exile, he says thus, p. 73. “ They
 “ also settled a Pay for such of the
 “ Subjects of the three Kingdoms as
 N 2 “ would

“ would come and serve under our
 “ Princes; but few came, except from
 “ Ireland. Of these some Regiments
 “ were form’d; but tho’ this gave
 “ them a great and lasting Interest in
 “ our Court, especially in King James’s,
 “ they did not much to deserve it.”

Here the Author would run the
 Risque of being rather thought igno-
 rant, than not gratify his Malice; for
 if he had read the History of those
 Wars in *Flanders*, he would have
 found that those very *Irish* Troops
 so distinguish’d themselves, as to ac-
 quire a very great Reputation abroad,
 especially in the *Spanish* Service.

P. 77, he tells us several Stories
 which he had from one *Stoupe*, a
Swiss, who seems to have furnish’d
 the Author with most of his Intelli-
 gences relating to these Times.
 Among others, he gives you a long
 Detail of a Plot, how an *Irishman*
 was sent over from *Flanders* to assas-
 sinate *Cromwell*; and that he lodg’d
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in *Kingstreet, Westminster* ; but that *Thurloe* despis'd the Intelligence, and would not so much as search for the Man. P. 77. “ *A few Weeks after,*

“ *Syndercomb's Design of assassina-*
 “ *ting Cromwell near Brentford, as*
 “ *he was going to Hampton-Court,*
 “ *was discover'd. When he was exa-*
 “ *min'd, it appear'd that he was the*
 “ *Person set out in the Letters from*
 “ *Brussels. So Lisle said to Crom-*
 “ *well, this is the very Man of whom*
 “ *Stoupe had the Notice given him.*”

Either *Stoupe* impos'd on the Author, or else the Author mistook this Plot for some other, or invented the Story himself ; for the Account which he has given cannot be true. In the first place, *Miles Syndercomb* was no *Irishman*, being born at *Basingstoke* in *Hampshire* : He was never in *Flanders*, but was broke in *Scotland*, and turn'd out of the Army for Disaffection to *Cromwell* : He was an Anabaptist by Profession, a zealous Sectary, and a mortal

mortal Enemy to the King and monarchical Government: His Quarrel to *Cromwell*, was his having depos'd the *Rump*, and usurp'd the Power in a single Person. How all this agrees with the Author's Account, of an *Irishman* sent over by the Cavaliers from *Flanders*, let the Reader judge. As in this Affair the Author has no Interest to serve, no Malice or Passion to gratify, we will for once have the Charity to believe that he was only mistaken, without any wilful Design of perverting the Truth. As this Story is a Matter of no Consequence, I have only mention'd it, to shew how little we can depend on his hearsay Narrative, which he takes upon Trust, often charges the Circumstances on his Memory, which being sometimes deficient, he supplies the rest with his own fruitful Invention, and patches a Story together only to amuse his Reader.

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After this, he concludes the History of *Cromwell's* Reign with too favourable Sentiments for that Usurper, whose true Character has been often given with more Integrity by juster Historians, so as to leave it an unnecessary Task to disabuse the Reader. I shall only therefore take notice of one Quality which he gives him : This is his Zeal for the Protestant Religion ; of which we must say, that the Author did not well consider, that he made no great Compliment to any Religion by giving it no better a Patron. In the first Place, we may affirm, that if he did not counterfeit his Enthusiasm, he was a Madman ; and if it was all fictitious, only to serve his Ends, he must not only be a Knave and a Hypocrite, but a downright Atheist : So that, after all, it will be very difficult to conceive, that so wicked a Man should really, at bottom, have more Concern for one Denomination of Christians than an-

another ; for if we may judge of Men by their Actions, he seems as well to have extinguish'd all Light of natural Religion, as to have set at Defiance, and trampled under foot the very Moral and Precepts of reveal'd.

He finishes this Scene of *Cromwell*, by telling us how formidable he was to his Neighbours abroad. This he does not only to do Honour to that favourite Tyrant, but to lessen the Character, and give a mean Opinion of King *Charles II.* Upon this Account, he tells the following Story : That King *Charles* upbraiding *Borel*, the *Dutch* Embassador, with his Masters harbouring the *English* Rebels in their Country, was answer'd, that it was a Maxim of their State, to protect all who fled to them. Upon this, the King with some Emotion told him, how in that Respect they had us'd himself and his Brothers, at the Instance of *Cromwell*. Upon which, the poor simple *Dutch* Man
reply'd,

reply'd, p. 81. " Ah Sire! c'etoit une
 " autre chose; Cromwell etoit un
 " Grand Homme, & il se faisoit
 " craindre & par Terre & par Mer.
 " *This was rough. The King's Answer*
 " *was, Je me ferai craindre aussi a*
 " *mon Tour. But he was scarce so*
 " *good as his Word.*" This is a fly
 and invidious Reflection on the
 Weakness of King Charles. But the
 Author very well knew the true Rea-
 son why that Prince was not as good
 as his Word upon that Occasion:
 This was owing to the Friends of the
 good Bishop, who rais'd such a Cla-
 mour against the *Dutch* War, en-
 courag'd the Enemy by their Sedi-
 tions at home, constantly gave them
 Intelligence, and with *English* Pilots
 conducted them into our Harbours,
 to burn and destroy the Fleet of their
 own Country. Such is the Incon-
 sistency of this Man, who has all
 along condemn'd the Court of *Eng-
 land* for making that War at all, tho'
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now he lays hold on this Occasion to insult King *Charles*, and render him little, for not making his Enemies less. He now ridicules him for not humbling that Commonwealth, by reducing their naval Power, and destroying their Fleets, when another time he condemns him for taking one of their Buffes.

And now he approaches the Restoration, a Blessing that sticks in his Gizzard, at which not daring openly to repine, he vents all his Spleen on the happy Instrument of that glorious Revolution; for after having enumerated all the previous Steps that were taken in that Affair, the Conduct and Management of which he very much magnifies, without naming the only Person who could possibly have concerted those Matters, at last he plainly tells us, p. 87. *“ This was manag’d with great Diligence and Skill, and by this Conduct it was that the great Turn “ was*

“ was brought about without the least
 “ Tumult or Bloodshed, which was
 “ beyond what any Person could have
 “ imagin’d. Of all this Monk had
 “ both the Praise and the Reward,
 “ tho’ I have been told a very small
 “ Share of it belong’d to him.” The
 Disingenuity, Partiality, and Malice
 of this Assertion is so very visible,
 that I need not take any Pains to
 convince the Reader; every Man in
England, who can read, is a compe-
 tent Judge of this Matter. For far-
 ther Satisfaction I refer him to the
 Life of that great Man lately pub-
 lish’d. This is so very absurd, that
 the Author might as well have deny’d
 that there ever was such a Man as
 General *Monk*, as to say that he was
 not the immediate Instrument in the
 Restoration. I shall only just tell the
 Reader, that the very Nature of the
 thing bespeaks itself; for, as it was
 the Army that was the only Obstacle
 to the Nation’s Settlement and Hap-
 piness,

pinefs, there was nothing to be done,
 but, by modelling that Body of Men,
 make them fubfervient to thofe very
 Ends which none befides themfelves
 could impeach. This was manag'd
 with fo great Addrefs and Prudence
 in *Scotland*, that the Sectaries, and
 rigid Republicans, were by degrees
 cashier'd, and more moderate Men
 fubftituted in their Places. This could
 be done by none but the General
 himfelf, who had at that time the
 abfolute Command in *Scotland*. This
 enabled that great Man to march in-
 to *England*, and to purfue his De-
 fign of making the military Power
 fubfervient to the Civil, a Declara-
 tion fo plaufible and popular, as to
 meet with univerfal Reception. His
 Addrefs afterwards, in perfwading the
 Rump Parliament to diflodge the
 difaffected Troops at *London*, and
 fend them into remoter Quarters, to
 make room for his own, on whom
 he could depend, enabled him to
 execute

execute any Design he might have afterwards. No Body can imagine that at this time, notwithstanding his constant Affection to the King, and the good Blood in his Veins, that he could be so sanguine as to entertain any great Hopes, or form any Design of a Restoration. However, by these previous Methods he had put himself into a Condition, upon the unexpected Incidents which fell out afterward, to strike in with the Torrent of the People's Inclinations, and gratify his own, by compassing that stupendous Change, of which we have seen the illustrious Author treated with such base Ingratitude, by the most unjust and partial of Writers, who had too mortal an Aversion to the King, and the royal Family, ever to forgive the propitious Instrument of their Restoration.

The Author could not but have consider'd, that without this great Event he had never been Bishop of
Salisbury.

Salisbury. As this Reflection is so obvious, it is very plain that his Malice and Resentment were the strongest of his Passions, so as, when it came to a Competition, even to transcend his Ambition and Avarice. If the Restoration had not happen'd, the Author would have had less Guilt with less Preferment. A more obscure and meaner Scene of Life, a Country Cure of 8 or 900 Marks *per Annum* in *Scotland*, could not have furnish'd him with Opportunity and Materials to have done much Mischief: The making Feuds in so narrow a Circle as private Families; or, at most, now and then setting a General-Assembly together by the Ears, would have been the highest Stretch of his Ambition and Politics. As this would have been all that he could possibly have done in such Circumstances, to have gratify'd his turbulent Temper, it would have been less fatal than what we have
seen

seen him perform; his blowing the Coals of Sedition in the Reign of King *Charles II.* his intriguing in Courts, and disturbing the publick Repose of Nations.

Before he comes to the Restoration, he would give us an Account why the Republicans and Sectaries, at this Crisis, made so little Opposition to a Turn of State which must infallibly be their Ruin: Of which he says thus, p. 87. "*Enthusiasm*" "*was now languid; for that owing its*" "*mechanical Force to the Liveliness of*" "*the Blood and Spirits, Men in Dis-*" "*order, and depress'd, could not raise*" "*in themselves those Heats with*" "*which they were wont to transport*" "*both themselves and others.*" If this Philosophy be true, I would ask one Question, why the *French* Prophets in our Days, and his own mad Countrymen in Forty-one, when they had some extraordinary Gambols to play in the Pulpit, to heighten

ten their Enthusiasm, and to enable them to shew a greater Effusion of Spirit, always prepar'd their Bodies by fasting, which must depauperate the Blood, and consequently lessen the Quantity of Spirits? The constant Success of this Method at that Time seems to contradict the learned Author's mechanical Solution of Enthusiasm.

He is very angry that King Charles was not bound Hand and Foot, p. 88.

*“ Such Unanimity appear'd in their
 “ Proceedings, that there was not the
 “ least Dispute among them, but upon
 “ one single Point; yet that was a
 “ very important one. Hale, after-
 “ wards the famous Chief Justice,
 “ mov'd that a Committee might be
 “ appointed to look into the Proposi-
 “ tions that had been made, and the
 “ Concessions that had been offer'd by
 “ the late King, during the War, par-
 “ ticularly at the Treaty of Newport;
 “ that from thence they might digest
 “ such*

*“such Propositions as they should think
“fit to be sent over to the King.”*

It is no Wonder that this Proposition should come from a Person, who, with all his Sanctity, made no Scruple to sit as one of *Cromwell's* Judges, and sentence his Fellow-Subjects to Death, by a Commission from a Tyrant, who had murder'd his Prince, and by Violence had made himself Master of his Country. But where was the Necessity of thus fettering *Charles II.* more than any of his Predecessors at their Accession to the Throne? An Act of Oblivion having cover'd all that was past, at this time, the Case was the same, as if there never had been any Troubles, or Civil Wars, and the King had succeeded peaceably upon a natural Demise of his Father. If the Treaty at the *Isle of Wight* was to have been the Basis of the new *Pacta Conventa* with the King, he had better have staid where he was, and wanted a
P Dinner

Dinner at *Brussels*, than have accepted a Crown on such wretched Conditions; Conditions so inhumane, as made little Difference between the Commissioners at *Newport*, and the King's Judges in *Westminster-Hall*. The first would have stript him of every Prerogative, after they had robbed him of what was more dear, his Honour and Conscience. The Regicides, indeed, acted more barefaced, with greater Impudence, but less Hypocrisy. The one would have made him too wretched to live with common Comfort, while the other more kindly put an end to his

P. 92, he has another Stroke at Sharp. "As soon as it was fix'd that the King was to be restor'd, a great many went over to make their court. Among these, Sharp, who was employ'd by the Resolutioners, was one. P. *ibid.* "As he had observ'd very carefully the Success of
"Monk's

“ Monk's solemn Protestations again
 “ the King, and for a Commonwealth
 “ it seems he was so pleas'd with the
 “ Original, that he was resolv'd
 “ copy after it, without letting him
 “ self be diverted with Scruples; so
 “ he stuck neither at solemn Protest
 “ tions, both by Word of Mouth and
 “ Letters, (of which I have seen many
 “ Proofs) nor at Appeals to God
 “ his Sincerity in acting for the Pre
 “ byterians, both in Prayers and
 “ other Occasions, joining with these
 “ many dreadful Imprecations on him
 “ self, if he prevaricated.”

Here the Author lays about him
 like a Dragon, and kills two Birds
 with one Stone. Here is a most ter
 rible Charge of Hypocrisy, Dissimu
 lation, and Perjury, both on the Ge
 neral, and the Doctor. We will first
 put the Affair of General Monk in a
 true Light. If this great Man was
 the Villain which he represents, it
 must be for restoring the King; and

consequently the Action itself be evil. This he has not had the Assurance yet positively to affirm, except it is to be found in the Sheets, which the Prudence of his Executors have thought unfit to see the Light, notwithstanding their Protestations to the Publick, that the Copy is perfect; a Piece of Disingenuity which cannot be justified; for whatever they have ras'd, or omitted, since the Death of the Author, can be no Act of his, and consequently the Copy not genuine. But to return from this Digression: When General *Monk* came to *London*, the Parliament was under a Violence from the Army, who long before had secluded the greatest and noblest Part of their Members, whom they kept by Force from the House; nor were they restrain'd within any Bounds of Duty and Submission to the *Rump*, whom they had lately insulted before. This had occasion'd
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the General's March with his Troops from *Scotland*, according to his Declaration of making the Military Power subservient to the Civil. On the Performance of this Promise, the secluded Members most strenuously insisted, by urging that his Declaration could not be made good, but by their Re-admission, who were the most considerable Part of the same Parliament, for whom he had declar'd, and had been ejected by a military Violence. Upon which, to put an end to these Confusions, at the repeated Requests of the City, a Majority of the Parliament, the Nobility and Gentry; in short, to comply with the Voice of the People, he consented that the secluded Members should take their Seats again; which was the only Method to restore the Dignity of Parliament, and the Face of an House, whose Honour had been so prostituted by the Violence and ill Conduct of the *Rump*, who
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were now grown so very scandalous, that they were not more hated, than universally despis'd by the People. The secluded Members dissolv'd themselves, after having issu'd out Writs to call a Convention, which Convention restor'd the King and the ancient Government. Now after this, where was the great Treachery in General *Monk*, who obey'd them as long as they had the Power, even in their most violent Commands? After they had by a voluntary Act determin'd their own Authority, there was an End of the Commonwealth. So that the General, as well as others, was at an intire Liberty to enter into any new Scheme in the following Convention, which might be most conducive to the publick Good, and the Inclinations of the People. As to his Transactions with the King and his Friends, they were all negotiated, after that the Persons, to whom he could possibly lie under any seeming Obligation

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gation of Fidelity on account of his Commission, had voluntarily divested themselves of their Power, and were now no more. All these scandalous Insinuations of General *Monk* the Author has borrow'd from *Ludlow's* Memoirs: I am glad he has no better Authority, than that of an Author, who was so great a Miscreant, as to declare it an Honour to have been one of the King's Judges.

We will now return to Dr. *Sharp*, against whom the Author's Invectives are equally unjust. It is true, he was a Presbyterian, when there was no better a Religion in his Country, and an Agent to the moderate Party of that Perswasion, to whom he was faithful, while he was employ'd and intrusted by them; but it does not follow from thence, that a Man may not change his Opinion about Church Government: But he betray'd no Body; for in the Year 1660, long before Episcopacy was

was resettled in *Scotland*, he had quitted his Agency, resign'd his Trust, and had no more to do with them: So that he was free, when the Legislature thought fit to change the Government of the Church, to accept a Bishoprick, which Trust he discharg'd with Honour and Fidelity, with a Piety not inferior to the Dignity of his Station, which he eminently fill'd, adorn'd, and supported, by a zealous Attachment to the Service of those Altars he had sworn to defend.

If the Reader would see the Reverse of this Picture, let him look upon the Author, who has thus revil'd this good Prelate. This unhappy Man, tho' a Presbyterian in his Heart, if of any Religion, accepted a Bishoprick, without ever changing his Principles or Opinion, and made no Scruple of Conscience to enjoy the Revenues of that Church, whose Discipline he dislik'd, whose Faith he oppugn'd, whose Interests
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he would have betray'd, and given up to her Schismaticks, while at the same time he was eating her Bread. This is the Man who is so very angry with Dr. *Sharp* for accepting the Archbishoprick of *St. Andrews*. If such a Change should have happen'd in *England*; if the Legislature should have thought fit, in his Time, to have reduc'd the Form and Discipline of the Church of *England* to that of *Geneva*, there is no Body can doubt, but he would soon have forgot his tall *Steeple* at *Salisbury*; and, allowing the same Revenue, with greater Pleasure and Vehemence have thump'd a Cushion in that Congregation we now call a Conventicle.

The Bishop has no sooner open'd the Scene of the Restoration, which he calls august and splendid, but he immediately spoils his Compliment, by endeavouring to paint those happy Days in the blackest Colours: He furiously falls foul on the Licentious-

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ness of the Court, which, he says, open'd a Door to all Impiety and Irreligion, p. 92. " *With the Restoration of the King a Spirit of extravagant Joy spread over the Nation, that brought on with it the throwing off the very Professions of Virtue and Piety: All ended in Entertainments and Drunkenness, which overrun the three Kingdoms to such a degree, that it very much corrupted all their Morals. Under the Colour of drinking the King's Health, there were great Disorders, and much Riot every where. And the Pretences of Religion, both in those of the hypocritical Sort, and of the more honest, but no less pernicious Enthusiasts, gave great Advantages, as well as they furnish'd much Matter to the prophane Mockers of true Piety. Those, who had been concern'd in the former Transactions, thought they could not redeem themselves from the Censures and Jealousies that those*
" brought

“ brought on them, by any Method, that
 “ was more sure and more easy, than
 “ by going into the Stream, and laugh-
 “ ing at all Religion; telling or making
 “ Stories to expose both themselves and
 “ their Party as impious and ridi-
 “ culous.”

In this malicious Paragraph the Author gives us another Sketch of his Knowledge. If he had read our Histories, he would have found that Drunkenness was no new Vice in *England* at the Restoration, but much more common among our Ancestors than ourselves, being introduc'd by the *Danes*, who first debauch'd the *Saxons*, till that Time, in respect to Drinking, a temperate People. The *Normans*, who had liv'd a little nearer the Sun, gave a Check for a time to this ill Habit; but being so few in Number, they soon became *English*, and contracted this national Vice of Drinking. This was increas'd by the manner of living:

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ving: The universal Hospitality and open Housekeeping, in which the whole Income of their Estates was spent on their Tables, must put them under a more frequent Temptation of Sotting, and furnish a constant Scene of Intemperance; while the Nobility and Gentry, who always liv'd in the Country, for want of Books and Learning in those Ages, had no other Amusements but their Hawks and Hounds, which Diversions too frequently end in a hearty Debauch. This continued to the Time of King *Charles I*, when that excellent Prince, who was a Pattern of Temperance himself, endeavour'd by his Example and Countenance to cultivate that Virtue in his People; to which end he introduc'd first into *England* a Love of the nobler Sciences, Painting, Sculpture, Architecture, and Musick; by which more refin'd Amusements he endeavour'd to polish his Subjects, and give them

a finer Taste of more innocent and delicate Pleasures; in order to which, he had made a noble Collection of Paintings, Statues, &c. These Curiosities, after the Murder of that good King, were sold, by his Hangmen, to all the Princes of *Europe*; while these sower and morose Fanatics, as they were Enemies to every thing that was generous, destroy'd with the King all innocent Diversions, and introduc'd a Pharisaical Reformation of Manners, which was all at the Bottom Grimace and Hypocrisy; for the Saints, tho' they would not openly drink, always were thirsty when alone in a Corner; nor made they less Scruple in private to embrace the Woman, whom they would not salute in publick. During the Reign of these sanctified Hypocrites, there was a counterfeit Air of Sobriety, the Loss of which our Author laments, and is so unreasonably peevish, as to blame the poor Cava-

Cavaliers for being transported with Joy, at their Redemption from a Slavery of nineteen Years, more cruel than an *Egyptian* Bondage : But it is no Wonder, that he repin'd at the Joy of others for a Blessing, in which the poor Man himself had no Share, for want of good Principles ; and consequently took no Part.

The Irreligion and Impiety, of which he pretends to complain, must be ascrib'd to deeper Causes. There is no doubt but the Hypocrisy of the preceding Times, in which the Pulpit was so prostituted, and the most villainous Actions cover'd over with the Veil of Piety, had startled some People, and given Impressions very disadvantageous to the Cause of Religion ; for it is certain, that the Conduct of our spiritual Guides has the most extended Influence ; the ill Example of one bad Clergyman will do more Mischief than a thousand Sermons

Sermons can repair: And I firmly believe, if such a thing could be prov'd, that the personal Conduct of our very Author, thro' the whole Train of his Life, not to mention his late dreadful Appeal to God Almighty, has shock'd the Faith of more People, and given a greater Blow to Religion, than any ten Men in *England* besides. His preaching and unpreaching the same Doctrines, as his Interest guided; his frequent Change of Sides; his abject Flattery of the Living, and his outrageous abusing the same Men when dead, must make one conclude that he had no great Sense of Religion. Such an Example on weak Minds, who may have an Opinion of the Man, will make very great Impressions, while the Vices of the most dissolute Courts, as they are natural to Flesh and Blood, and only gratify our Senses, affect more the Manners and Conduct of Life, than the Faith and Reason

Reason of Men in the speculative Points of Religion.

He now proceeds to the Character of *Charles II.* which is not more absurd than ridiculous, so as to make the Reader, tho' it was otherwise meant, rather laugh than be angry, p. 93. “ *The King was then thirty*
 “ *Years of Age, and, as might have*
 “ *been suppos'd, past the Levities of*
 “ *Youth, and the Extravagance of*
 “ *Pleasure. He had a very good*
 “ *Understanding; he knew well the*
 “ *State of Affairs both at home and*
 “ *abroad; he had a Softness of Tem-*
 “ *per, which charm'd all that came*
 “ *near him, till they found how little*
 “ *they could depend on good Looks and*
 “ *fair Promises, in which he was li-*
 “ *beral to excess; because he intended*
 “ *nothing by them, but to get rid of*
 “ *Importunities, and silence all further*
 “ *upon him. He seem'd to have no*
 “ *Sense of Religion, both at Prayers*
 “ *and Sacrament; he, as it were, took*
 “ *care*

“ care to satisfy People he was in no
 “ sort concern’d in that about which
 “ he was employ’d : So that he was
 “ far from being an Hypocrite, unless
 “ his assisting at those Performances
 “ was a sort of Hypocrisy ; (as no
 “ doubt it was) but he was sure not
 “ to increase that by any Appearance
 “ of Religion. He said once to myself,
 “ that he was no Atheist ; but he
 “ could not think that God would
 “ make a Man miserable for taking a
 “ little Pleasure out of the way. He
 “ disguised his Popery to the last.
 “ He often said, he thought Govern-
 “ ment was a much easier thing where
 “ the Authority was thought infallible,
 “ and the Faith and Submission of the
 “ People was implicit. He understood
 “ Navigation well ; but, above all,
 “ knew the Architecture of Ships so
 “ perfectly, that in that respect he
 “ was exact more than became a
 “ Prince ” Here are in this Charac-
 ter almost as many Inconsistencies as
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Lines. The Weakness and greatest Vice of King *Charles* is known to be his Love of Women; he was now in the Meridian of his Life, in the Flower of his Age, Strength, and Vigour, when the Doctor declares him to be too old not to be past those Pleasures. This Suggestion is stranger in coming from our Author, than any other ordinary Man; it being generally known, that Dr. *Burnet* himself had so good a Constitution, as to retain his Greenness and Vigour to double that Age; and, if Fame is no Liar in that respect, kept still a Colt's Tooth, with the Mark in his Mouth, beyond his great Climacterick. The next Inconsistency is equally remarkable. He says, that this Prince was liberal to excess of his Promises, to get rid of Importunities, and silence all farther pressing upon him. This is the oddest way of attaining that End, as I believe, was ever yet known: I should rather have

have thought, that a flat Denial at first would have been a much better way to have prevented farther Importunity, than, by giving a Promise, entitle the Party to demand the Performance, and renew his Attacks the next Day. Tho' the Author seems to value himself upon writing Characters, as the finest Part of his History, I must affirm to the contrary, it was none of his Talent. Instead of those beautiful Antitheses, *sui profusus, alieni appetens*, which we find in *Salust*, and some other of the Ancients; when he affects that way of writing, for want of Judgment, and a distinguishing Knowledge of humane Nature, he often grows absurd, and falls into Paradoxes and Self-contradictions. This is manifest in his Character of this King, whom he always represents in a different Light; in one Place makes him so lazy and indolent, as to prefer his Pleasures to all other Regards; in

another, so zealous for the Church of *Rome*, as to be ready to sacrifice his own, and the Quiet of his People, to the Interest of that Religion; sometimes an Atheist, with Popery in his Belly; and sometimes a Bigot, with no Religion. When he tells us, that King *Charles* understood the building of Ships better than became a Prince, we can by no means agree with his Sentiments: The Knowledge of so noble a Branch of the Mathematicks, as the Construction of Ships, which we call Naval Architecture, is not below the greatest of Kings, as well as Philosophers; a Science, that would have added to the Wisdom of *Solomon*; and, consequently, not unbecoming a King of *England*, whose only true Greatness depends on his Fleets, and the Goodness of his Ships, as well as their Number. As for the Conversation between him and the King, if it be true, it is a certain Sign that
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good-humour'd Prince, when he told him that he could not think God Almighty would make a Man miserable for taking a little Pleasure out of the way, knew something of our Author, and believ'd him inclin'd that way as well as himself; otherwise he was too well bred to have said so shocking a thing to any Clergyman of known Piety, his *San-crofts, Kens, Fells, &c.* or indeed to any Priest, whose Character deserv'd to be treated with more Respect.

There are the same Inconsistencies in his other Characters, all which to disprove would be endless, and swell the Bulk of this Volume to that of his own; since all are dead who could contradict and confute him, we must leave the Judgment of these Men to common Fame, and Tradition, which is much more authentick than any Affirmation of this Author. I shall therefore at present criticise no more,

more, but do Justice to the Reputation of the Injur'd.

P. 98, he now falls foul again upon the Duke of *Albemarle*, to whom he gives no more Quarter, than to General *Monk*. He says, "He was ravenous, as well as his Wife, who was a mean contemptible Creature. They both ask'd and sold all that was within their Reach, nothing being deny'd them for some time; till he became so useless, that little personal Regard could be paid him. But the King maintain'd still the Appearances of it; for the Appearance of the Service he did him was such, that the King thought it fit to treat him with great Distinction, even after he saw into him, and despised him. He took care to raise his Kinsman *Greenvill*, who was made Earl of Bath and Groom of the Stole, a Man who thought of nothing but getting and spending Money." Here the Author gives the Reins

Reins to his Fury ; and, by a Superfetation of Malice, utters as many Untruths, as Sentences. How doth this Character agree with the known Story of this great Man, who absolutely refused the unlimited Conditions offer'd by his Prince, when he had it in his Power to have impos'd what he pleas'd ? How comes he to know that the Respect which was paid him was only Appearance ? The King never told him so, nor any Body else ; otherwise he would have produc'd his Authpr. If we can believe Dr. *Skinner*, a Person of irreproachable Credit, the King not only treated him with those Marks of Distinction which Gratitude could inspire, but with a kind of filial Respect to the very last.

The *Dutch* Wars, in which the Duke of *Albemarle* acquir'd so much Glory, ended not long before his Death : So that the King employ'd him in his Service to the last. And when

when he could pay no more Honours to the Living, testify'd his Veneration for the Dead, by giving him more than regal Obsequies, at which the whole Government, except himself, which the Dignity of his Rank would not permit, assisted as Mourners. The Court, the Tribunals, and all Persons of Distinction, in every Post, follow'd him to the Grave; and, with a magnificent Pomp of Sorrow, mixt his Ashes with those of Princes; nothing being more just, than that the Man, who had rescu'd the Liberties, who had fixt the Repose of Nations, and restor'd the Monarchy of *England*, should rest himself at last in the Bosom of her Kings.

After this Usage of the Duke of *Albemarle*, it is no great Wonder if he treats my Lord of *Bath* with the same ill Manners and Injustice. That Nobleman had too immediate a Hand in the Restoration, not to feel
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some Marks of the Author's Resentment. But the Character he gives of him is as wrong as the Matter of Fact, when he says, "*That Monk made the Fortune of his Kinsman Greenvil.*" One might have thought that the Author, who was at Court at this time before he was seventeen Years of Age, might probably have heard, that Sir *John Granvil* had a Warrant in his Pocket, sign'd at *Brussels*, to be made an Earl of *England*, Groom of the Stole, with a Pension of 3000 *l. per Annum*, to indemnify his Family for the Debts contracted in the Service of the Crown, some Months before that King *Charles* ever saw the Face of General *Monk*. By this Mistake we may see how little we can rely on the Truth of what he says, even in Things of no great Consequence: He seems to write at random; and, when he knows nothing of a Matter, ventures to say any thing: What his Ignorance

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norance cannot furnish, his fertil Malice supplies.

After having given the Characters of the Court in *England*, he proceeds to those of the Ministers in *Scotland*, whom he paints in such Colours, as if he design'd to raise the Horror of his Reader; who will find, by what he says hereafter, an astonishing Account of his Country. By his own Description, he makes the Presbyterians Enthusiasts and Madmen, irreclaimable by Mercy, and incorrigible by Justice. So that if the other Side, the Episcopal Party, and those in the Administration, were such Monsters and Tyrants as he represents them, he has not left room for one honest Man in the Country.

Among the Ministers of *Scotland*, he treats his old Patron, Duke *Lauderdale*, to whom all the World believ'd that he ow'd great Obligations, with manifest Ingratitude and Barbarity, p. 101. " *I knew him very*
" *par-*

“ particularly. He made a very ill
 “ Appearance; he was very big; his
 “ Hair red, hanging oddly about him;
 “ his Tongue was too big for his
 “ Mouth, which made him bedew all
 “ that he spoke to.” Tho’ this should
 be true, it is mean and pitiful, be-
 low the Dignity of History, to insult
 a Man for personal Defects, which
 he cannot help, without an absolute
 Necessity of illustrating some Event
 in the Story. But why should we
 expect Generosity in a Man, who
 wanted all other Virtues?

But in all his *Scotch* Characters, the
 Archbishop of *St. Andrews* bears the
 greatest Load. The Reader is de-
 sir’d to take notice, that tho’ he
 mentions this Prelate five times more
 than any Man else, he never gives
 him his Title. He treats all others,
 whom he did not love, with the
 same Familiarity. As no Body would
 know the Person he calls *Sharp*, to
 be Archbishop of *St. Andrews*, if he

was not otherwise inform'd ; so the Duke of *Albemarle* is call'd plain *Monk* to his dying Day. But he uses more Ceremony with his Friends. Always Earl of *Clarendon*, even before he was created ; always Earl of *Essex* ; always Lord *Russel*, &c. This being his constant Practice, it is impossible it should proceed from Chance or Negligence. Tho' this is no capital Fault in the Historian, it is shocking to good Manners, and shews too much of the Clown in the Gentleman and the Prelate. I have only mention'd this Matter, to let the World see the little Malice, and Meanness of Soul in the Man, who could not find in his Heart to treat his Superiors, when Enemies, with that common Respect which was due to their Quality.

P. 104. " *I now turn to another*
 " *Set of Men, of whom the Earls of*
 " *Middleton and Glencairn were the*
 " *chief. They were follow'd by the Herd*
 " *of*

“ of the Cavalier Party, who were
 “ now very fierce, and full of Courage
 “ in their Cups, tho’ they had been
 “ very discreet Managers of it in the
 “ Field, and in time of Action.” By
 this Reflection, the Reader may see
 how Disingenuity is essential to his very
 Nature, so as never to let him speak
 well, or do any manner of Justice to
 his Enemies. In this Assertion, the
 want of Judgment in the Man is as
 evident as his Malice, in affirming a
 thing, in which every one, he was
 sure, must contradict him. The Vic-
 tories of my Lord *Montros* were no
 less notorious than astonishing, and
 not to be parallel’d in History.
 Without Garrisons, Magazines, Arms,
 Ammunition, or Money, how often
 did that great Man most shamefully
 defeat the numerous Armies of the
 Covenanters, when they exceeded
 him above three to one, with all
 those Advantages which he wanted?
 If this Success was not owing to the
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personal Courage of his Troops, we must look for some hidden Cause, and renew the Belief of Miracles.

P. 134, he entertains us with a most wonderful Character of Bishop *Leighton*, as he has done in another Place with that of Sir *Robert Murray*; of both which Persons he gives us Ideas that seem a little romantick. I am very much afraid there must be some Grains of Allowance for his good Bishop, whom all together he has made but an odd sort of Man; tho' I am very apt to believe, that the Author has put some of his own Sentiments into his Mouth, when he makes him so dissatisfied with the Conduct of his Superiors, which is a little seditious, and unbecoming so mortify'd a Man: His Contempt of his Brethren, and Colleagues, was inconsistent with that true Humility so absolutely essential to the Saint, and must proceed from a spiritual Pride at the Bottom of the Heart; for no
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Man has a mean Opinion of another, but from a firm Belief of a superior Merit in himself. But it is Pity to spoil these imaginary Pieces; so I will only congratulate our Island, in having the Honour to produce two such extraordinary Persons; who, in one respect, are a little unfortunate to fall into no better Hands, and have such egregious Virtues transmitted to Posterity by no other Pen, but that of our Author, who happens to stand so ill in the Opinion of the World, as to be rank'd with one Sort of Men, who are never believ'd, even when they speak Truth.

P. 156, speaking of Dr. *Sharp* in his usual way, he has this extraordinary Reflection: “ *Yet this was suitable enough to a Maxim, that he, and all that Sort of People set up; that the Execution of Laws was that by which all Government maintain'd their Strength, as well as their Honour.*” Whatever may be the Sentiments

timents of the learned Author, as to the Truth of this Maxim, I believe that the Generality of the World will join in Opinion with the Archbishop of *St. Andrews*.

P. 161, Speaking of the Fanatick Army, that was now to be disbanded, he seems unwilling to part with them, and gives them this Character: “ *They were certainly the bravest, the best disciplin’d, and the soberest Army, that had been known in the latter Ages.*” Or indeed in any before; and, it is to be hop’d, will never be known again, being generally Anabaptists, Fifth-Monarchy-Men, and the wildest of the Sectaries. Their Bravery was no true Courage, resulting from a Principle of Honour, and a virtuous Fear of Infamy; but downright Fury and Enthusiasm, actuated by a false Spirit of Religion. Their Sobriety was Hypocrisy; for tho’ they would not publickly seem to debauch, they would

would get heartily drunk in private; especially when they broke into the Cellars of the poor Cavaliers. And, as for the Piety of those Saints, they made no Scruple to pillage Altars, and drag the Orthodox Clergy from their Pulpits, beat, and wound them to Death, while they call'd the Plunder of the Royalists the Spoils of the Ungodly, and the Heritage of the Lord; of all which Barbarities whole Volumes have been written, with Time, Place, Names, and Circumstances, to put the Truth of this Matter out of dispute: Such were the Men, for whom our Author seems to have so great a Veneration!

In the next Page the good Bishop astonishes the Reader, by an Insinuation, as if there were too much Severity us'd towards the Regicides. We will see his own Words, for fear of being tax'd with Misrepresentation.

*" The Trial and Execution of the first
 " who suffer'd, were run to by vast
 T " Crowds,*

“ Crowds, and all People were pleas’d
 “ with the Sight; yet the Odiousness
 “ of the Crime grew at last to be so
 “ much flatned by the frequent Execu-
 “ tions, and most of those who suffer’d
 “ dy’d with much Firmness and Shew
 “ of Piety, justifying all that they had
 “ done, not without a seeming Joy for
 “ their Sufferings on that Account,
 “ that the King was advis’d not to
 “ proceed farther.” This pretended
 Effect of these Executions seems to
 be the Author’s own Invention, no-
 thing being more absurd and unna-
 tural, than to imagine, that such
 Monsters, condemn’d for so atrocious
 a Crime, as had fill’d Mankind with
 Horror, should touch the Compas-
 sion of the Spectator, by such an
 Aggravation of their Guilt, in so
 harden’d an Impenitence. But what
 is more unaccountable, is, to guess
 what he means by the frequent Exe-
 cutions, when, out of so great a
 Number as were in the Commission
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to try the King, and of whom sixty-six assented to the Judgment, by rising from their Seats when Sentence was given, no more than ten were made Objects of human Vengeance; a Lenity, or rather Indolence, which very much lessen'd King *Charles* in the Opinion of the World, both at Home and Abroad. This the Author would insinuate to be Severity in the King, while his Friends on the other Side call this Conduct, in sparing so many, a Cruelty to himself and Family, as well as an Injustice to the Manes of his injur'd Father, whose Blood cry'd so loud for Vengeance.

Speaking of *Harrison*, he gives this Account of the Man: *P. ibid.* “*Harrison was the first that suffer'd; he was a fierce and bloody Enthusiast: And it was believ'd, while the Army was in doubt, whether it was fitter to kill the King privately, or bring him to an open Trial, that he offer'd, if a private Way was settled*

“ on, to be the Man who should do it;
 “ but however reasonable this might be
 “ in itself, it had a very ill Effect.”

After this Character of the Man, with all his Rhetorick he paints him in the most shining Colours, extolls his Firmness, Resolution, and Magnanimity; and, not without seeming Sentiments of Tenderneſs, calls Enthuſiaſm, Calmneſs; and Intoxication with ſpirituous Liquors, Chearfulneſs; for the printed Accounts at this Time inform us, that not only *Hugh Peters*, who was ſo downright drunk as to appear a Changeling, but *Harrifon* and *Carew* had drunk Brandy, or ſome ſuch Liquors, the Morning of their Execution, which gave them that Inſenſibility of their Danger, which our Author ſo much admires; otherwiſe, we ſhould find in him ſome Mark of Diſguſt or Reſentment. It is true, a Chriſtian Pity might be extended to his Blindneſs; but then at the ſame time he ſhould have condemn'd

demn'd his Hardness of Heart and Impenitence. This he should have done, to take away a Surmise, which will naturally arise in some uncharitable People, that the Author tacitly in his Mind imputed this extraordinary Behaviour to some supernatural Assistance, and the Goodness of the Cause for which they suffer'd. To this Suspicion he gives some manner of Handle, by a pompous Description of the Hero, instead of the Regicide.

P. 163. *" The putting Sir Harry
 " Vane to Death was as much blam'd;
 " for the Declaration from Breda
 " being full, for an Indemnity to all,
 " except the Regicides, he was compre-
 " hended in that ——— An Address
 " was made by both Houses in his Be-
 " half, to which the King gave a fa-
 " vourable Answer, tho' in general
 " Words: So that he reckon'd that he
 " was safe, that being an Equivalent
 " to an Act of Parliament, tho' it
 " wanted*

“*wanted the necessary Forms.*” In this Account, which is design’d purposely to reflect on the Honour of King *Charles*, there is one positive Untruth, one very great Mistake, besides his constant Disingenuity in concealing part of the Story. In the first place, the Declaration from *Breda* makes no mention of the Regicides, or any Body else, but leaves the Exceptions entirely to the Parliament, in whose List of the Excepted Sir *Harry Vane* and *Lambert* were particularly included. That a favourable Answer from the King in general Words, to either, or both Houses, is equivalent to an Act of Parliament, is an Opinion, to which few Lawyers will subscribe. But the Author thinks not fit to tell the Reader, that tho’ the Convention, who had excepted this Gentleman out of the Act of Indemnity, afterwards interpos’d for Mercy; and, as he says, receiv’d a favourable Answer in
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general Words; nevertheless the succeeding and truer Representation of the People, being a Parliament in all its Forms, thought fit, when that Matter was resum'd, to abandon him to Justice, and address'd the King to bring *Vane* and *Lambert* to their Trials: So that being under no Obligation from his prior Answer in general Terms, the King was entirely free to hearken to the Voice of his People, and comply with their last Request.

When he gives us an Account of this Gentleman's Behaviour at his Death, he tells us these Particulars, p. 164. "*He was beheaded on Tower-*
 "*hill, where a new and very indecent*
 "*Practice was begun: It was observ'd,*
 "*that the dying Speeches of the Regi-*
 "*cides had left Impressions on the*
 "*Hearers, that were not at all to the*
 "*Advantage of the Government; so*
 "*Strains of a peculiar Nature being*
 "*expected from him, to prevent that,*
 "*Drummers were plac'd under the*
 "*Scaffold,*

“ Scaffold, who, as soon as he began to
 “ speak of the Publick, upon a Sign
 “ given, struck up with their Drums.
 “ This put him into no Disorder. He
 “ desir’d they might be stopt; for he
 “ understood what was meant by it.
 “ Then he went thro’ his Devotions;
 “ and as he was taking leave of those
 “ about him, he happening to say some-
 “ what with relation to the Times,
 “ the Drums struck up a second time;
 “ so he gave over, and died with so
 “ much Composedness, that it was ge-
 “ nerally thought that the Government
 “ lost more than it gain’d by his
 “ Death.” If the Author had not
 been of an Opinion, that the Regi-
 cides had fully justify’d themselves
 and the Cause at their Death, he
 would not so boldly have asserted,
 that their dying Speeches had made
 Impressions to the Disadvantage of
 the Government; for, naturally speak-
 ing, whatever those Miscreants could
 say, must only affect those of their
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own Principles, who were already mortal Enemies to the King. But if the Liberty allow'd them was truly so fatal, as he represents, the Administration had more Reason to prevent the like ill Consequences for the future : It must be a sad and helpless Government indeed, that will not take all lawful Precautions to preserve the publick Peace, and prevent the People from being poison'd. But the Relation, which he gives of the Composedness of that unhappy Gentleman, is unanimously contradicted, by some very extravagant Circumstances, in all the printed Accounts that were publish'd at the Time, and which could have been contradicted, if not true, by so many thousand Spectators as were Witnesses of the Execution. But as these were only Pamphlets, we will have recourse to better Authority : Mr. *Eachard* has written a very large History of these Times, and must be

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suppos'd to have very good Vouchers, for what he affirms positively as Matter of Fact. Let us see then what this Historian says of this Matter. *Eachard*, p. 802. *Being brought to the Scaffold on the fourteenth of June, he there run out into such Lectures of Treason and Enthusiasm, that the Sheriffs and the rest, after two or three Warnings, were forc'd to drown them with the Noise of Drums and Trumpets, and were going to take his Papers from him; but he with great Rage and Indignation tore them to pieces, and submitted to the Block in a very discompos'd manner.* I could bring other Relations; but this is authentick; and Mr. *Eachard* is still alive to justify it. After this false and partial Account, I leave the Reader to judge of the Author's Sincerity.

As the Author was a terrible Enemy, so I must do him the Justice to acknowledge, that he was a very
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good Friend ; and that he took as much Pains to extenuate, and give the best Turn to the Faults of his own Party, as to aggravate the Failings and blacken the Virtues of his Enemies. To shew that I do not wrong the Author in this Charge, it is his own Principle that he has asserted, and it is to himself that I appeal. In his Reflections on the History of *Varillas*, p. 7 and 8, he has these Words : “ *An Historian, who*
 “ *favours his own Side, is to be for-*
 “ *given, tho’ he puts too much Life in*
 “ *his Colours, when he sets out the best*
 “ *Side of his own Party, and the*
 “ *worst of those from whom he differs ;*
 “ *and if he but slightly touches the*
 “ *Failure of his Friends, and severe-*
 “ *ly aggravates those of the other Side,*
 “ *tho’ in this he departs from the*
 “ *Laws of an exact Historian ; yet*
 “ *the Biass is so natural, that if it*
 “ *lessen the Credit of the Historian, it*
 “ *does not blacken him.*” This is con-

trary to the Opinion of *Tully*, when he says of an Historian, *Nequid falsi dicere audeat, nequid Veri non audeat*. This Assertion is so astonishing, that I cannot expect the Reader, who has not read his Book on *Varillas*, should believe me, till he sees it with his own Eyes. No doubt can be made, but that the Author has been guided by this Principle in all his Party Writings. Other Men have fallen into this Fault thro' Interest or Malice ; but I believe Dr. *Burnet* is the only Man, who ever had the Forehead to defend it.

According to this Principle, to excuse the Chancellor from what has been unanimously laid at his Door, the giving to King *Charles* that cruel Advice, to reward his Enemies, and trust to the Principles of his Friends, he tells us, p. 165. “ To load the
 “ *Earl of Clarendon* the more, it was
 “ given out that he had advis'd the
 “ *King* to gain his Enemies, since he
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“ was sure of his Friends by their
 “ Principles. With this he was often
 “ charg’d, tho’ he always deny’d it.
 “ Whether the King fasten’d it upon
 “ him, after he had disgrac’d him,
 “ to make him the more odious, I can-
 “ not tell.” Tho’ the Author tells
 us, that the Chancellor constantly
 deny’d this Charge, we may venture
 to say, that if Dr. *Burnet* had truly
 believ’d him in this Matter, he
 would not have had so good an Opi-
 nion of my Lord *Clarendon*.

As we feel to this Day the dismal
 Consequences of those Councils,
 which were not more wicked, than
 weak and impolitick, it will be but
 Justice to the Publick, to endeavour
 to set that Matter in the clearest
 Light we can. It is notoriously
 known, that some of the greatest Re-
 publicans, and most furious Enemies
 to King *Charles II.* and the Consti-
 tution in Church and State ever since,
 were disoblig’d Cavaliers, who sacri-
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fic'd Principle to Resentment ; a Conduct, which, with Grains of Allowance for Flesh and Blood, without a very great Dispensation of Grace, is not the most unaccountable. The Treatment of the Royal Party at this time will never find Belief with Posterity. To be neglected was enough ; but to see the Enemy triumph in their Spoils, was more than Nature could support. There are Instances of some, who were admitted to the royal Presence and Favour, without being totally free from the Blood of the King ; while they, who had lavish'd their own in his Defence, were suffer'd to starve on the Pavement. The Estates of the *Irish*, who had fought for the King, and follow'd his Fortunes in Exile, were confirm'd to Drummers and Serjeants, who had conducted his Father to the Scaffold. The poor Cavaliers were not only unrewarded, but deny'd their just Debts ; even the

the Repayment of the Money they had lent to the King; while the Round-heads were more than caref's'd, and by their Posts and Employments now shar'd the Revenues of that Crown, which they had plunder'd before. There was but one Person who had Credit to give, or Power to support his Advice when given. The Author is pleas'd to tell us, that the King himself declar'd, that the Chancellor was the Man. As he was the best, and, indeed, only Judge of the Matter, we ought in good Manners to believe him. I could have said more on this Subject, if I were not tender of disturbing the Ashes of the Dead; nor would I have said so much, if I had not thought myself oblig'd to disabuse the Living. I could also convict him of the grossest Flattery in some of his other Characters, and spoil the Hero, if I would lessen any Man's good Name

Name at the Expence of the Author's Reputation, which is no Equivalent.

P. 168, he gives a Character of the Duke of York, whom he treats at first with seeming Justice; but it is only to give his Reader a false Impression of his Candor, that he may the more easily be believ'd, when he stabs him to the Heart afterward, by making him the greatest of Villains, and the last of human Race. After having own'd how gracious the Duke was to him, and the repeated Favours which he had receiv'd from that Prince, a Man, who had been capable of blushing, would have been asham'd to have made so barbarous a Return: But it is no Wonder, that he should be without Gratitude, who wanted the Mother of all Virtues, Justice.

The Account which he gives us of the Marriage with the first Dutchess, is so false in some Circumstances, and so misrepresented in others, as
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to be easily refuted; if that could be done, without wounding the Honour of some, for whom we have too great Respect, that being as contrary to our Inclinations, as Detraction is a visible Pleasure to the Author of the Book before us.

P. 172, here he is again for exculpating his old Friend, the Earl of Clarendon, in the Affair of Dunkirk, and laying the Blame, if it was a Crime, on an innocent Man. For he says thus: “ *The Matter under De-*
 “ *bate was, whether it ought to be kept,*
 “ *or sold. The military Men, who*
 “ *were believ'd to be corrupted by*
 “ *France, said the Place was not*
 “ *tenable; that in Time of Peace it*
 “ *would put the King to great Charge,*
 “ *and in Time of War it would not*
 “ *quit the Cost of keeping. The Earl*
 “ *of Clarendon said, that he under-*
 “ *stood not those Matters, but did ap-*
 “ *peal to Monk's Judgment; who did*
 “ *positively advise the letting of it go*
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“for the Sum that was offer’d.” In this notable Paragraph, I must first observe the Author’s ill Will to the military Men, whom he attacks after his usual Manner, in a Parenthesis, (it was believ’d) were corrupted by *France*: But these were hectoring, roaring, and debauch’d Cavaliers, unlike his godly Saints, whom he so admir’d at *Aberdeen*; assuring us, that they were gifted Men, who could preach and pray, as well as fight. I must also put the Reader in mind of what I remark’d before: Here, in the same Line, he names the Earl of *Clarendon*, and plain *Monk*; tho’ the latter was actually at this Moment Duke of *Albemarle*, and the other only Sir *Edward Hide*, not being created an Earl till the Coronation, which follow’d some Months after this first Debate. If the Author had thought fit to have treated them both alike, *Hide* would have sounded as well as *Monk*;

Monk; or *Albemarle* as well as *Clarendon*.

As to what he positively affirms, that the Duke of *Albemarle* advis'd the selling of *Dunkirk*, and that the Chancellor had no Hand in that Matter, there is no disproving him at this time of Day: He has taken care to let every Body be dead, who could have contradicted him, before he publish'd his Book; we must therefore go on the Probabilities on the other Side. The Interest of the Chancellor was so great, and his Power so absolute at this time, even by the Author's own Confession, that it is a little difficult to believe, that any thing of very great Consequence could be carry'd contrary to his Inclination, if he had thought fit to have oppos'd it. And as for the Duke of *Albemarle*, whom he has pitch'd upon as the Author of this Advice, he chose the most unlikely Person; it being very well known

with what Warmth that Duke oppos'd the Demolition of the Forts and Citadels in *Scotland*, built by *Cromwell*. This would induce us to believe, that the same Person should have had an equal Tenderneſs in parting with *Dunkirk*. If he were guilty, he certainly had as good Luck to eſcape the publick Censure, as my Lord *Clarendon* was unfortunate to bear the Blame and Reproach of the whole Nation on that Account. And what remarkably adds to the Injuſtice of this Treatment, is, that the fine Houſe, which the Chancellor built in *Piccadilly*, was in Deriſion by the People call'd *Dunkirk-Houſe*, as if built with the Money ariſing from the Sale of that Place. Nor is it leſs an Aggravation of this Hardſhip, that all the while that noble Fabrick continu'd in the Poſſeſſion of the innocent Perſon, and his Family, it retain'd that invidious Name; but as ſoon as it was ſold to the guilty Fa-
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mily of *Albemarle*, it was call'd by that Title, which the People, as well as the Crown, thought fit to give to the *Monks*, tho' judg'd unworthy of any Honours by our Author. But what makes this Assertion of Dr. *Burnet* the more suspicious, is, a few Years after, when that great Man was charg'd by the House of Commons with the Affair of *Dunkirk*, that his Innocence was not then clear'd, there being so many Witnesses then alive, who knew the Truth of that Transaction, so as to have been able to have laid the Saddle on the right Horse.

P. 175, he says, that the King, in his Declaration from *Breda*, had promis'd to confirm the Settlement of *Ireland*. This is another Mistake; the Declaration from *Breda* extended only to *England*, and had no regard to *Scotland* and *Ireland*, of which there is no more Mention than of *China* or *Japan*.

P. 176, he says, " I have reserv'd
 " the Affairs of the Church last, as
 " those about which I have taken the
 " most Pains to be inform'd, and
 " which I do therefore offer to the
 " Reader with some Assurance, and
 " on which I hope due Reflection will
 " be made." After this Declaration,
 of his being so well inform'd, one
 might expect some Truth. P. *ibid.*
 " At the Restoration, Juxon, the
 " antientest and most eminent of the
 " former Bishops, who had assisted
 " the late King in his last Hours,
 " was promoted to Canterbury, more
 " out of Decency, than that he was
 " capable to fill that Post; for as he
 " was never a great Divine, he was
 " now superannuated." Here he be-
 gins his Compliments to the Church
 of England, by abusing the first of
 her Prelates after the Restoration;
 and not only him, but all the other
 great Men, who had been so barba-
 rously treated by the Doctor's good
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Friends in the Time of the great Rebellion ; for he plainly tells us, that the Person, whom he calls the most eminent of all, had neither Capacity, or Learning, to be Archbishop of *Canterbury*. As he has given us one weak Man, the next in course, according to his Rule, must be a Knave : Let us see therefore what he will say of the Successor. “ Sheldon
 “ *was esteem'd a learned Man before*
 “ *the Wars ; but he was now so deeply*
 “ *engaged in Politicks, that scarce any*
 “ *Prints of what he had been remain'd :*
 “ ——— He was a generous and cha-
 “ *ritable Man. ——— He seem'd not*
 “ *to have a due Sense of Religion, if*
 “ *any at all ; and spoke of it most*
 “ *commonly as an Engine of Govern-*
 “ *ment, a Matter of Policy. By this*
 “ *means the King began to look on him*
 “ *as a wise and honest Clergyman.*”
 There is somewhat extraordinary in this noble Character, that the Author gives of this great Prelate. But I
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imagine, that the Reader will find it difficult to conceive, how a very learned Man, by being engaged in the Business necessary to his Profession, should so soon lose all his Knowledge, so as to have no Prints remain. It will be worth while to enquire a little into these strange Politicks, which had so oblivious a Quality, like the Waters of *Lethe*, to affect the Brain, and make a Man forget all that he had learnt before. The great Rank, which an Archbishop of *Canterbury* holds in the Monarchy of *England*, must necessarily engage him in some Affairs of State, as he is always a Privy Counsellor; but that he was in the Ministry more than his Post oblig'd him, we have no Account. The little time that his Predecessor liv'd after the Restoration, must necessarily leave on his Hands very great Affairs of the Church, which was then but just resettled; but that such an Application to that Business should

should spoil the Divine, and efface
 all Prints of his former Learning, is
 somewhat so prodigious, as to be
 worthy the Remark of our Author;
 who indeed seems a little to confirm
 this Notion by his own Example;
 for we have found a very great Dif-
 ference between the Preacher at the
Rolls, and the Bishop of *Salisbury*;
 who, after he had dabbled in Poli-
 ticks abroad, at *Rome*, *Geneva*, and
Holland, began to dwindle in his
 Reputation, and lose the Character
 he had acquir'd before; which, as it
 was greater than he deserv'd, and al-
 ways supported by Dint of Party,
 should have hinder'd him from pub-
 lishing these lamentable Memoirs that
 lie before us; the which, if he had
 not been impair'd in his Intellects,
 he never would have ventur'd on
 Posterity. But this Description of
 Archbishop *Sheldon* is all fictitious:
 As Painters form in their Brain ideal
 Faces, so our Author draws imagi-
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nary Characters. But when he represents this great Man to be atheistical, and that King *Charles* for that very Reason counted him a wise and honest Churchman, the Author confirms to us again how little he understood Nature, and the Passions in Men; for let King *Charles* be as irreligious as he would have the World believe, there is something so amiable in Virtue and Piety, as to attract an Esteem and Reverence from those very Persons who have none themselves. So that, whatever Advantages the Author himself may have reap'd on that Account from some particular Persons, there is no Man of good Sense, that will ever esteem, and think any Clergyman has the more Merit, for not believing in JESUS CHRIST. After all, if this great Prelate had no Religion, he must of consequence have had a great deal of Vanity, to give away so immense a Sum as 66000 l. in private

private Charities, and publick Benefactions, during his own Life, only to acquire a Reputation in this World, without any View or Hopes of Reward in the next. Afterwards, in the same Page, he says, "*That Morley was thought the honestest Man of the two, and Sheldon the abler Man.*" By this Comparison, in plain *English*, he calls them both Knaves. By this the Reader may be convinc'd of the Respect that the Author bears to the Church of *England*, when he makes no Scruple thus to treat her most illustrious Sons with so much Arrogance and Injustice.

P. 179, he gives us an Account of the Conference in the *Savoy*, about a Comprehension, in which he is infinitely partial to the Dissenters, by giving them the Advantage in every thing; and seems very angry with the Church, for not turning Presbyterian, by giving up all

her Characteristicks, Discipline, and Ceremonies ; among which, the Cross in Baptism, and kneeling at the Sacrament, were but inconsiderable Trifles. He is not a little displeas'd at their retaining the Apocryphal Scriptures, and seems very much frightened at *Bel* and the *Dragon*.

P. 184, he seems a little dissatisfy'd with the Institution of the 30th of *January*, on which Occasion he thus remarkably expresses himself: "*The 30th of January, call'd King Charles the Martyr.*" It is no Wonder if the Author scruples to give to that Prince the Title of Martyr, when he has taken such Pains, by sly Insinuations, to exculpate the villainous Authors, and lessen the Horror of his Martyrdom.

P. *ibid.* "*St. Bartholomew's Day was pitch'd on, that if they were then depriv'd, they should lose the Profits of the whole Year; since the Tithes are commonly due at Michael-*
mas."

“ mas. *The Presbyterians remember'd*
 “ *what a St. Bartholomew had been*
 “ *held at Paris ninety Years before,*
 “ *which was the Day of the Massacre,*
 “ *and did not stick to compare one*
 “ *to the other.*” This is a Flight
 of his own; most of the Dissen-
 ters were too illiterate and ignorant
 in the History of *Europe*, almost
 to have heard of the thing, espe-
 cially to be so precise in the Year
 and the Day. This is a Note be-
 yond *Ela*; the Author has exerted
 himself, and given a sparring Blow
 to the Church and Parliament of
England; such a Representation of
 the People, as has seldom been seen
 before, or since, within the Walls of
St. Stephen's Chappel, if we consider
 the Quality, Fortunes, and Interests,
 in their Countries, of the Persons
 who compos'd that illustrious As-
 sembly: But without this Conside-
 ration, what he arraigns was an Act
 of Parliament, a Law made by the
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People in their Legislative Capacity, unanimously and calmly, without any Violence, Tumult, or indirect Means. This our judicious Author compares to the Massacre of *Paris*, a Scene of Horror, which has disgrac'd human Nature; as if the cutting so many thousand innocent Throats, with all the Circumstances of Rage and Barbarity, in cold Blood, could bear any Resemblance with the legal ejecting a Number of unlawful Ministers, most of whom had intruded into other Mens Rights, and like Wolves had leap'd into the Fold. The greatest Part of these Men had been Trumpeters of Sedition, and not only inflam'd, but occasion'd the War between the late King and his People. And after they had conquer'd the Crown and the Church, violently drove the Orthodox Ministers from their Livings, by the Help of their ruffianly Red-coats, were instituted and induc-

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ted by Corporals and Serjeants, and
 ow'd their Possession to the Halberd
 instead of the Crosier. These are the
 People, for whom our Author had so
 much Tendernefs, who might have
 been fav'd, if they would have com-
 ply'd with some innocent Ceremo-
 nies, by themselves allow'd to be
 Things indifferent, and have re-
 nounc'd their impious Covenant;
 which had made them once Rebels
 before, and oblig'd them to be so
 again, whenever they should have
 another Opportunity. I leave the
 Reader to judge of the Absurdity of
 this Comparison, which is as pro-
 foundly silly, as it is extravagant.

P. 186. “ *Almost all the Leases of*
 “ *the Church Estates over England*
 “ *were fallen in, there having been no*
 “ *Renewal for twenty Years. The*
 “ *Leases for Years were determin'd,*
 “ *and the Wars had carried off so*
 “ *many Men, that most of the Leases*
 “ *for Lives were fallen into the In-*
 “ *cumbents*

“ incumbents Hands ; so that the Church
 “ Estates were in them. And the
 “ Fines rais’d by renewing of Leases
 “ rose to above a Million and half.
 “ If the Half had been apply’d for
 “ buying of Tithes or Glebes for small
 “ Vicarages, here a Foundation had
 “ been laid down for a great and effec-
 “ tual Reformation. In some Sees,
 “ forty or fifty thousand Pounds were
 “ rais’d, and apply’d to enriching the
 “ Bishops Families. Something was
 “ done to Churches and Colleges, in
 “ particular to St. Paul’s in London ;
 “ and a noble Collection was made for
 “ redeeming all the English Slaves in
 “ Barbary. But this fell short of
 “ what might have been expected.
 “ In this the Lord Clarendon was
 “ heavily charg’d, as having shew’d,
 “ that he was rather the Bishops
 “ Friend, than the Church’s. It is
 “ true, that the Law made these Fines
 “ belong to the Incumbents ; but such
 “ an extraordinary Occasion deserv’d
 “ that

“ that a Law should have been made
 “ on purpose. What the Bishops did
 “ with those Fines, was a Pattern to
 “ all the lower Dignitaries, who gene-
 “ rally took more Care of themselves
 “ than the Church. The Men of
 “ Merit and Service were loaded with
 “ many Livings, and many Dignities.
 “ With this great Accession of Wealth,
 “ there broke in upon the Church a
 “ great deal of Luxury and high Li-
 “ ving, on the Pretence of Hospitali-
 “ ty; while others made Purchases,
 “ and left great Estates, most of
 “ which we have seen melt away. And
 “ with this Overset of Wealth and
 “ Pomp, that came on Men in the
 “ Decline of their Parts and Age;
 “ they, who were now growing into
 “ old Age, became lazy and negligent
 “ in all the true Concerns of the
 “ Church: They left Preaching and
 “ Writing to others, while they gave
 “ themselves up to Ease and Sloth. In
 “ all which sad Representation some
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“ few Exceptions are to be made ; but
 “ so few, that if a new Set of Men
 “ had not appear’d of another Stamp,
 “ the Church had quite lost her Esteem
 “ over the Nation.”

Such is the Character which this insolent Author gives of the great Men in the Government of the Church at this time ; Men, who were not more venerable for their Piety, Charity, and all the Essentials of a good Clergyman, than eminent for their Learning, and other great Qualities ; who are as much reverenc’d by all wise and good Men at this Day, as their wicked Detractor is now detested ; and will, if possible, be more by Posterity. Take all the Characters together, not only those of the Bishops, but the whole dignify’d Clergy, and he makes them avaritious, luxurious, lazy, and slothful, negligent in the Concerns of the Church, even Knaves and Atheists. As the Church of *England* never, in
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the same Compass of Time, had the Honour to see her Episcopal Sees so illustriously fill'd, these extraordinary Virtues could not fail to be Objects of Malice in the most unjust and disingenuous of Men, who has express'd in this Paragraph as much Venom, as a visible Want of all Sense of Shame. If the Author had been touch'd with the least Sentiment of Christianity, he would have avoided so heinous and mortal a Sin, as that of wilful and premeditated Detraction, so odious in the Sight of God and Man; he would not have ventur'd, with a Conscience as fear'd, as his Forehead was harden'd, to have impos'd on the World so gross and palpable a Calumny, in which he was sure to be detected: But as, by prolonging the Publication of his Book, he knew that he should be cover'd in the Grave from feeling the Resentment of the Living, so he absolutely de-

spised whatever might be said of him when dead. Without this Example, it would be hard to conceive, that human Nature could arrive to such a Height of Depravity; that a Man, without any Temptation of Interest, but only to gratify his Malice, should be so prodigiously stupid, as to be neither concern'd for his Reputation in this World, or his Safety in that to come.

If any Man should think that I have treated the Author on this Subject with too much Roughness, contrary to my Design, or Inclinations, let him consider the Provocation; *Responsum, non dictum esse, quia læsit prior.* The Reader, by his own Indignation, may easily conceive how difficult it is, not to feel the warmest Resentment at so barbarous a Treatment of so much Virtue and Merit.

Before we proceed in confuting the Matter of Fact in this Account, we will shew the Reader the Inconsistencies

sistencies of this very Paragraph. He owns, that the Fines, which were rais'd, were the Incumbents Right in Law; and at the same time blames my Lord *Clarendon* for not taking them away. This is a fine Doctrine in a Country of Property! Oh, but a Law should have been made on purpose. A Law, that takes away another Man's undoubted Right, is as unjust as any other Act of Violence. He owns, that these Bishops repair'd Colleges and Churches, especially *St. Paul's*; that they made a noble Collection to redeem all the *English* Slaves in *Barbary*; and then seems to wonder what they did with their Money. His Account of the immense Sum rais'd upon Fines, which he makes to amount to a Million and half, must be very much mitigated: He was either very ill inform'd, or, what is more probable, never enquir'd at all into the Matter; but, according to Custom, gave us his own extravagant

gant Guefs. If he had taken the Pains to have been better instructed, he would have known that these Men, whom he so abuses, gave very near five hundred thousand Pounds of this Money to publick Uses; a Liberality so immense, that when a true Deduction is made from his extravagant Account, will make a very great Hole in any Sum that they could possibly have receiv'd. Bishop *Cousin*, not to mention others, gave the greatest Part of his Fines to those very Uses he mentions, the Augmentation of small Benefices. *Warner*, with no better a Bishoprick than that of *Rocheſter*, gave no less than 59600 l. in publick Benefactions; a Munificence so astonishing, so vast a Charity, as the Doctor and all his Favourites, the Men of another Stamp, would not have given in so many Years, if they had possess'd the Revenues of the Archbishoprick of *Toledo*. It is worth while to enquire what the Author left him-

himself at his Death ; for he would not part with much , while alive , to such good Uses. If we may rely on his Will, which is printed, he bequeath'd a little more than 2000 *l.* to found a School in his own Country, to breed up young Presbyterians with the Money of the Church of *England*, to pick out her Eyes, as their Ancestors had once done before with their *Covenant*. This was not so very extraordinary, when we consider that the See of *Salisbury* is one of the best in *England* ; and that the good Bishop sat in that Chair above twenty-five Years.

His next Charge upon these good Men, is what he calls Luxury and High-living, on pretence of Hospitality. Tho' the Author condemns this Conduct, I always thought, that Hospitality, and feeding the Poor, was one of the chief Ends, for which such great Revenues were given to the Church by the Piety of our Ancestors.

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This is a little unjust, to blame that Charity, which he had not the Virtue himself to imitate. Nor is he less unreasonable to find fault with the poor old Men, whom he represents, in their Decline, broken with Age and Infirmities, for not preaching so often as himself. That Office was never reputed the chief of the pastoral Care, especially in Men of that Age, whose Memories must be decay'd, and their Strength not sufficient to bear the Fatigue of a long Discourse : It is not every Body's good Fortune to have the Lungs and the Wind of Dr. *Burnet*, with the Strength of a Porter, instead of a Gentleman.

Their leaving such Estates to their Families, after their expensive Living; their great Benefactions and Charge in repairing their Churches, dilapidated by Time, and the Sacrilege of Forty-one, must shew them to be very great Oeconomists. But his Observation, that these Estates melted away, as
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being very ill gotten, is not a little diverting, in an Author, who gives us the first Instance of his having any Religion at all, by this childish and weak Superstition. If what he says is true, these Men had certainly a very great Art while they were squandering their Revenues in a riotous Hospitality, to be able to perform such great things. Thus he makes them scraping and luxurious, prodigal and miserable, at the same time.

If the Author had been pleas'd to have given us an Account what great Charities were dispenc'd by his Favourites, the Men with the large Souls, it would have been very satisfactory; but, upon a strict Enquiry, we shall find that they were not only very tender of their Money, but even the Scraps of their frugal Tables. The Difference in this Case is very remarkable: We will only mention a single Instance at *Lambeth*, the Poor

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of which great Parish were almost maintain'd by the munificent Charities of *Sheldon* and *Sancroft*; and this was not Scraps, and the Refuse of their hospitable Tables, but a daily Allowance of Meat and Drink, provided on purpose for the Poor. But when his Men of another Stamp succeeded, the Case was much alter'd; the Churchwardens found more Business on their Hands, and the Rates in their Books daily increas'd; till at last there was such a Reformation at *Lambeth*, that you might as well have seen a Beggar at the *Stadthouse* in *Amsterdam*, as before the Gate of that Palace, especially within the Reach of the Porter's Staff. But we can easily account for this wonderful Change: There was now a certain strange Thing within the Walls of that House, which never had been seen there for above a hundred Years before; lac'd Heads, and silk Petticoats, diverted the Money that us'd

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to be given to the Poor. This gave occasion to the *Paris Gazetteer* to exercise his Wit and Raillery on this Subject, in one of his Gazettes at this time : In the Article from *London* he was pleas'd to tell us, that *the Sieur Tillotson was building an Apartment in the Archiepiscopal Palace of Lambeth for his Lady, (in French, Madame sa Femme) when that House was built, it not being the Custom for Archbishops to have Wives.* It is true, *Parker* was married ; but his Successors had other Sentiments ; whether it was to support the Credit of the Reformation, by not giving a Handle to the Ridicule of their Enemies, or that the great Men, who succeeded, thought it below their Patriarchal Dignity, as well as inconvenient, to be embarrass'd with the Impediments of common Life ; this was the next Instance of Women being seen at *Lambeth*. As to Archbishop *Parker*, who was a great Fa-

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vourite of Queen *Elizabeth*, by having had the Care of her Education, I have heard it often confidently affirm'd, tho' I shall not assert it as Fact, that this great Man, in complaisance to the Queen, who had a better Opinion of the Celibacy, than the married State of the Clergy, never produced his Lady publickly in his Palace, but kept her in a little House adjoining to his Garden-wall, thro' which the Convenience of a Postern Door gave him private Access. If so, the good old Man had all the Pleasure and Amusement of an Intrigue, without the Guilt.

It was neither my Design nor Inclination, when I undertook this Task, to have reflected on any Person, especially the Dead; but since the Author gives so great a Provocation, by extolling one Side, and unjustly defaming the other, by robbing the Deserving of their Due, and planting the Trophies of their Virtues
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on Heads with inferior Merit, it will be but common Justice to make a fair War, and endeavour to recover the Spoils. We will therefore enquire into the Men of another Stamp, who, he says, recover'd the Credit, the Esteem, and Reverence for the Church, which the others had lost. Most of these Men were Time-Servers, and had not only gone in with the Crowd, but had supported the Iniquity of the long Rebellion ; and, for the sake of Preferment, had always comply'd with every Change of Religion and Government. But I will detain the Reader no longer, but only, by an Enquiry into two of his chief Characters, who both, as well as the Author, were meant by a famous Preacher, * when he told us above thirty Years ago from the Pulpit, *That the Streams could not run clear*
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* Vide Dr. Birch's Sermons.

when the Fountains were polluted ;
 when those were become Fathers of the
 Church, who had never been her Sons.
 The first of these was the famous
 Dr. Tillotson, who, it is very well
 known, wanted that sort of Learning
 so absolutely necessary to his Profes-
 sion, as to be a Qualification for a
 Country Curate: By the Study of the
 Ancients, and the Classick Authors,
 whom he had made his Models, he
 had form'd a Stile, and acquir'd a
 just way of thinking, with a Simplicity
 and Easiness of Expression, before his
 Time unknown in *England*. This
 justly gave him the Character of an
 excellent Preacher. I wish from my
 Heart, that I could speak as well of
 him in respect to his Religion and
 Politicks: His Alliance with *Crom-*
well, with whose Party he maintain'd
 a firm and settled Friendship to his
 dying Day ; his warping to some He-
 terodox Opinions, condemn'd in all
 Ages, and which gave a Handle to
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some Persons to charge him with Socinianism ; but above all, his known Disaffection to the Discipline and Morals of the Church of *England*, made him a very popular Favourite with all her Enemies, the Protestant Dissenters of every Denomination. As to his Principles of Government, we need only tell the following Story, the Truth of which was too notoriously known to be now disputed. He was a Fellow of *Clare-Hall* in *Cambridge*, by virtue of a *Mandamus* from the *Rump*, in the room of the famous and loyal Doctor *Gunning*, whom the Iniquity of those Times had by Violence ejected. Upon the News of the Defeat at *Worcester*, after Dinner in the Hall, when he was to return Thanks for another Man's Meat, which he had wrongfully eaten, he call'd for the Tables, in which the College Grace was written, and with his own Hand, out of Zeal to the Cause, inserted these Words : *Et*
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praesertim pro nupera Victoria, in Agro Vigornienti, contra Carolum Stuartum reportata. This is the Man whom our Author so much magnifies; tho', if some Persons, who out of Modesty, or for some other worse Reasons, are unwilling to appear in publick, would openly avow, what they own to know of this Matter, he had not so much reason to value himself upon the Friendship of Dr. *Tillotson*, who was a little ungrateful in this Point, in not having an equal Opinion of Dr. *Burnet*. In answer to what he says, that this great Man brought the Citizens of *London* from their Dislike to the Church of *England*, we can easily account for that Matter; it being no Wonder, that the Party disaffected to the Government in Church and State, should be more willing to follow a Pastor who had preach'd to them before in that Assembly, which we now call a Conventicle, and who was of the same Prin-

Principles with those Trumpeters of Sedition, who had led them into the great Rebellion against *Charles I.*

The next is Doctor *Tennison*; but before I meddle with him, I must take notice of what he says of another great Man, who highly deserves to be esteem'd in all respects. This is Dr. *Stillington*, in whom he finds nothing so much to commend, as one of the falsest Steps of his Life, his *Irenicum*; and that he may be all of a piece, he as much condemns his Repentance.

Of Dr. *Tennison* he gives this Account: “ *A very worthy Successor in*
 “ *his Cure*; *Tennison*, *he endow'd*
 “ *Schools, set up a publick Library.*
 “ ——— *He was a very learned Man,*
 “ *and took Pains to state the Notions*
 “ *and Practices of heathenish Idolatry,*
 “ *and to fasten that Charge upon the*
 “ *Church of Rome: And Whitehall*
 “ *lying in that Parish, he stood as in*
 “ *the Front of the Battle all King*
 “ *James's*

“ James’s *Reign*, and maintain’d, as
 “ well as manag’d, that dangerous
 “ Post with great *Courage* and much
 “ Judgment; and was held in very
 “ high *Esteem* for his whole *Deport-*
 “ *ment*, which was very grave and
 “ moderate. These are the greatest
 “ *Divines* we have had for these
 “ *forty Years.*” If this is true, no-
 thing can be false, *Dr. Burnet* was
 never in the wrong in his *Life*, was
 as mortify’d a Man, as good a *Chris-*
tian as *Bishop Ken*, and as fine a
 Gentleman as *Archbishop Sheldon*.
 In answer to this Character, I shall
 only affirm, what was too well known
 at the time to be contradicted, that
Doctor Tennison was the only *Di-*
vine of the Church of *England*, who,
 in the Controversy with that of
Rome, lost Ground, was foil’d and
 defeated by *Polton* the Jesuit, in the
 Conference at the *Savoy*, for want of
 Capacity to defend so good a Cause.
 So that the Author, before he can
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make us have any Opinion of this Man's extraordinary Learning, if half the Blunders, which are laid to his Charge, are true, should first convince us, of his having at all times good Sense. But since our Historian boasts of his Charity, in founding a paltry Grammar School with other Mens Money, and dares mention him in the same Day with so great a Name as *Sheldon*, we will weigh the Merit of the two Men. When that illustrious Prelate, after his Promotion, went the first time to his Palace at *Croydon*, he gave no less than two hundred Pounds to the Poor. Archbishop *Tennison*, at the same Place, on the same Occasion, gave five Pounds among two hundred People, some of whom had come thirty Miles in Hopes of a considerable Relief. As the Value of the Money, so was that of the Men, by the Rule of Proportion, as five is to

two hundred, so was Dr. Tennison to Dr. Sheldon.

P. 195. “ *All this I knew of Peter
“ Walsh himself, who was the honestest
“ and learnedest Man I ever knew
“ among them. He was of Irish Ex-
“ traction, and of the Franciscan Or-
“ der; and was indeed, in all Points
“ of Controversy, almost wholly a Pro-
“ testant.*” This is no unpleasant
Assertion; he makes a Man the ho-
nestest Papist that ever he knew, be-
cause he was a Protestant in his Heart.
He might have been the latter, and
a very good Man, if he had thought
fit to have own'd his Religion; but
he was certainly never the better
Papist for being a Hypocrite. With-
out allowing Dissimulation in the
Case of Religion, the Author will
hardly get clear of this Blunder.

P. 196. “ *For tho' the King never
“ lov'd or esteem'd the Duke, yet he
“ seem'd to stand in some kind of Awe
“ of him.*” This very thing he has
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asserted more than once ; but how he will reconcile this Notion to the Actions of that Prince, we cannot imagine. As to outward Appearance, the Friendship between these two royal Brothers was very remarkable ; whenever the Sedition and Violence of the Times tore them from one another, they always parted with the most tender Sentiments of Brotherly Love, and a Friendship that was highly edifying to all Men of Honour and Virtue. The King always employ'd him in Posts of the greatest Trust, till the Jealousy of the Duke's Religion render'd him unqualify'd for any Employment. When the Bill of Exclusion had set the Nation on fire, this weak, this indolent Prince, absorpt in his Pleasures, according to our Author's Character, shew'd a Firmness and Resolution in Defence of a Person, whom he neither lov'd nor esteem'd, that must make his Conduct in this Point very unaccountable ;

countable; when, by sacrificing to his Interest the Man whom he fear'd, he might at once have got rid of those Apprehensions, and the Danger that threaten'd him at the same time from his People. Besides, the Tenderness with which, when dying, he bequeath'd him his Crown, must confute this false and ridiculous Assertion of the Author.

P. 199. *"There was no visible Cause of War; a Complaint of a Ship taken was ready to be satisfy'd."* The Author has been all along before extravagant; but here he exceeds himself, and treats his Reader with the last Contempt, by thinking he could thus impose upon him; as if he believ'd that no Body would read any Book but his own, and that there would be no Journals or Records for the Information of Posterity. Since we have been a Nation, and able to make War, we never enter'd into any with more Unanimity

nimity and the publick Voice of the People. *Europe* alone was too narrow a Theatre for the Depredations of the *Dutch*; both *Indies* and *Africk*, the four Quarters of the World, were Witnesses of the Violences offer'd to the *English* Nation. These repeated Injuries rais'd such an Outcry among the Merchants, that they found themselves oblig'd to petition the King and Parliament: Committees were appointed to enquire into the Facts; all which being undeniably prov'd, both Houses join'd in a solemn and most pathetic Address to the King, beseeching him to do Justice to his injur'd Subjects. The Truth of this will appear by the Votes and Journals of Parliament, as well as the common Chronicles. The Loss sustain'd by *England*, as prov'd upon Oath, amounted to no less than seven or eight hundred thousand Pounds; for which no Reparation could be obtain'd,

tain'd, tho' amicably demanded. Upon this, two hundred thousand Pounds, by two Loans, were advanc'd, to carry on this War, by the City of *London*, a Body of Men, who seldom make such Compliments to their Princes, but when they are as much prompted by Interest as Inclination. All this the good Bishop smothers, by only saying, "*that a Ship taken was ready to be satisfy'd.*" This is all the Cause that he assigns for that bloody War, so justly enter'd into by the Provocation of the Enemy, and in Defence of our just Rights, against the only dangerous Rival of our Commerce. Whether or no he has acted in this Matter with the Candor and Fidelity of a just and honest Historian, I leave to the most bigotted Admirers of Dr. *Burnet* to decide; especially, the Reverend Mr. *Stackhouse*, who has so great an Opinion of the Author's Veracity.

P. 200. " This was as far as I
 " could penetrate into it, the State of
 " the Court for the first four Years
 " after the Restoration. I was in the
 " Court a great part of the Year
 " 1662, 1663, and 1664, and was
 " as inquisitive as possibly I could be ;
 " and had more than ordinary Occa-
 " sions to hear and see a great deal."

Truth will come out at last ; it was
 in the Years 62, 63, and 64, that
 he was really at Court ; but he had
 now forgot what he had told us be-
 fore, that he was there in the Year
 1660, before he was seventeen Years
 old, when he saw far into the Ma-
 nagement of Affairs. *Vide* p. 40. As
 to his Inquisitiveness, no Body can
 doubt that Matter ; he was always
 impertinently prying more than be-
 came him, tho' he so often charges
 the rest of his Order with meddling
 in Affairs out of the Sphere of their
 own Function : He might have re-
 member'd, that he had arraign'd the

Scotch Bishops for being too often at Court, tho' their eminent Station and Rank in the Government seem'd to give them a juster Call to that Place, than any Affairs of a private and pragmatistical Parson.

*P. 203, he complains of the Severities us'd against his Uncle Wariston. " One of the first things done
 " in this Session of Parliament, was
 " the Execution of my unfortunate
 " Uncle Wariston; he was so disorder'd in Body and Mind, that it
 " was a Reproach to a Government to
 " proceed against him. His Memory
 " was so gone, that he did not know his
 " own Children. He was brought
 " before the Parliament, to hear what
 " he had to say why his Execution
 " should not be awarded. He spoke
 " long, but in a broken and disorder'd
 " Strain, which his Enemies fancy'd
 " was put on to create Pity. He was
 " sentenc'd to die. His Deportment
 " was unequal, as might be expected
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“ from a Man in his Condition ; yet
 “ when the Day of his Execution came,
 “ he was very serene, he was chearful,
 “ and seem’d satisfy’d with his Death.
 “ He read a Speech twice over on the
 “ Scaffold, that to my Knowledge he
 “ compos’d himself ; in which he jus-
 “ tify’d all the Proceedings in the Co-
 “ venant, and asserted his own Since-
 “ rity ; but condemn’d his joining with
 “ Cromwell and the Sectaries ; tho’
 “ even in that his Intention had been
 “ sincere. Lord Lauderdale had liv’d
 “ in great Friendship with him ; but
 “ he saw the King was so set against
 “ him, that he, who at all times took
 “ more care of himself than his
 “ Friends, would not, in so critical a
 “ time, seem to favour a Man whom
 “ the Presbyterians had set up as a
 “ sort of Idol among them, and on
 “ whom they did depend more than
 “ any Man alive.” Not to dwell
 upon the usual Inconsistencies in this
 Account of the Behaviour, it is a

little remarkable, that a Man, who was disorder'd in his Head before, should so recover his Senses, as to grow serene and calm at the Sight of the Gallows. If it were reasonable and just to make any Examples in *Scotland*, there was not one Man in that Kingdom less an Object of Mercy, than the Laird of *Wariston*, if we consider his Conduct from the Beginning of the Troubles to the End ; his mortal Inveteracy to both Kings, Father and Son ; the Mischiefs that he did them ; and his constant Attachment to the republican Sectaries in *England* : So that if his Interest and Credit were so great, as he says, with the King's Enemies, that dangerous Popularity alone was sufficient to bar all Mercy, and make the Death of this unhappy Man not less necessary to the Safety of the King, than due to his Justice. Thus this injudicious Writer seldom or never finds a Fault, but, thro' Inadvertency

tency and want of thinking, he immediately himself furnishes a Justification of the Action he condemns.

P. 204. *“ There was some little
 “ Opposition made to it by the Earl of
 “ Kinkardin, who was an Enemy to
 “ all Persecution: But tho’ some few
 “ voted against it, it was carried by
 “ a vast Majority.”* It is very remarkable, that the Author is always so unlucky, as to have but a few on his Side of the Question; sometimes but one for him, always a very great Majority against him. If one might argue on this Head according to Reason and Experience, it is to be inferr’d from thence, that what he blames was certainly equitable and right; for we cannot conceive Mankind so abandon’d, nor can History furnish us with an Example, that in so numerous an Assembly as a Parliament, there was not always some Number of honest Men on the Side of Justice. In all the Hardships,
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which the Author so frequently condemns, it would be more for the Credit of what he maintains, if those ill things had been rather carried by a Majority of one or two, than always to have no more than that Number on his, and the negative Side.

P. 205. "*After these Acts were pass'd, the Parliament was dissolv'd, which gave a general Satisfaction to the Country; for they were a furious Set of People.*" This is the Compliment that he makes to the Nobility and Gentry of *Scotland*, the whole representative Body of the People, which consisted of Persons, at this Time, of the greatest Fortune and Interest in their Country. From hence it is plain, that this Bishop of the Church of *England* really in his Heart believ'd, that all were bad Men, who were not good Presbyterians.

P. 210. " But all those Countries
 " that lie towards the West became
 " very fierce and intractable; and the
 " whole Work of the Council was to
 " deal with them, and subdue them.
 " It was not easy to prove any thing
 " against them; for they stuck firm to
 " one another ——— The People trea-
 " ted them with great Contempt, and
 " with an Aversion that broke out of-
 " ten into Violence and Injustice. But
 " their Ministers on their Parts were
 " not wanting in their Complaints,
 " aggravating Matters, and possessing
 " the Bishops with many Stories of
 " Designs and Plottings against the
 " Government: So many were brought
 " before the Council, and the new
 " Ecclesiastical Commission, for pre-
 " tended Riots, and using their Mi-
 " nisters ill; but chiefly for not
 " coming to Church, and holding Con-
 " venticles. The Proofs were often
 " defective, and lay rather in Pre-
 " sumptions than clear Evidence. ———
 " Great

“ *Great Numbers were cast in Prison,*
 “ *where they were kept long and ill*
 “ *us’d; and sometimes they were fin’d,*
 “ *and the younger Sort whip’d about*
 “ *the Streets.*” Here is a whole
 Bundle of Inconsistencies: In the first
 Place, he tells you himself, that the
 West became very fierce and intracta-
 ble; that the whole Business of the
 Council was to subdue them; and
 yet they did not know whom to sub-
 due; for they stuck to one another,
 and it was hard to prove any thing
 against them: But the People who
 made the Complaint, and gave the
 Informations, must certainly know
 them, though they would not ac-
 cuse one another. The Ministers,
 who were outrag’d, must know their
 own Parishioners and Neighbours
 who committed the Violence; they
 were not Blacks, and acted in Mas-
 querade. If there were Laws against
 not coming to Church, it was easy
 to be certain whether a Man came
 there

there or no ; he could not be at Church, and at the same time not be visible. After all, he complains that they were punish'd without legal Proofs. If their Actions were not plain and visible, he should not have affirm'd himself, that the West grew fierce and intractable ; and if the thing was apparent, they receiv'd no more than a just Chastisement ; which, on this Side Death, must be either pecuniary, corporal, or Imprisonment. Thus the Author, after he has own'd the Crime, forgets what he has said, and condemns the Punishment.

P. 216, “ *I observ'd the Deport-*
 “ *ment of the Bishops was in all Points*
 “ *so different from what became their*
 “ *Function, that I had more than or-*
 “ *dinary Zeal kindled within me upon*
 “ *it. They were not only furious against*
 “ *all that stood out against them, but*
 “ *were very remiss in all Parts of their*
 “ *Function. Some did not live with-*

“ in their Diocese ; and those who did
 “ seem’d to take no care of them. They
 “ shew’d no Zeal against Vice. The
 “ most eminently wicked in the Coun-
 “ try were their particular Confidants.
 “ They took no care to keep their Clergy
 “ strictly to Rules, and to their Duty.
 “ On the contrary, there was a Levi-
 “ ty and carnal way of living about
 “ them, that very much scandaliz’d
 “ me.” This Expression, *Levity and*
carnal way of living about them, is
 true Presbyterian Cant ; and conse-
 quently not the best *English*. Here I
 must appeal to the Reader, if any
 thing can be more astonishing, than
 that this Writer should not reflect
 on what he had said of these very
 individual Men, in his Preface to
 Bishop *Bedel’s* Life, written long
 after this time. If he could forget
 what he had said before, he must
 have had a very treacherous Memo-
 ry, tho’ he was always famous for
 the contrary Quality : But as it is
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impossible, except in a Lethargy, for a Man not to remember a Book that he had written, we must ascribe this Conduct to an Assurance without Example, thus to be above all dread of Censure, and brave Mankind. His Zeal against those Immoralities was certainly very much cool'd, when in that Preface he made such fulsome Encomiums on these good Bishops whom he now reviles, when he tells the World, that "*they were an angelical Rank of Men; that he saw in them such things, as look'd liker fair Ideas, than what Men cloathed with Flesh and Blood could grow up to.*" These two opposite Characters cannot both be true. As it is impossible to reconcile Contradictions, either Dr. Burnet must be guilty of the most abject Flattery, or the Bishop of Salisbury of the vilest Detraction.

P. 217, "*There was, indeed, one Scougal Bishop of Aberdeen, that*
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“ *was a Man of rare Temper, great Piety, and Prudence.*” Notwithstanding this Character, he was one of the Bishops that he abus’d as well as the rest. The Reader will wonder to hear him speak so well of a Bishop who was not of his Party; but he must know, that this good old Gentleman, thro’ a fatal Indulgence, which he heartily repented afterward, sav’d our Author from having his Gown stripp’d over his Ears, when he so scandalously abus’d the whole Body of the Bishops in *Scotland*. This is the first Instance of his being sensible of Benefits; I am glad to find that he could once vanquish his Nature, and deviate into Gratitude. The Author gives his own Account of this Matter, by which the Action appears, as he tells the Story himself, impertinent and pragmatical, not more insolent than seditious, and contrary to his canonical Obedience, if there were any such

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Obligation in the Church of *Scotland*. Dr. *Cockburn* has lately set this Matter in a very clear Light, and will be always believ'd by the unprejudic'd Part of the World before the Author. He says, that Mr. *Burnet* made a very great Submission; and, he believes, on his Knees; otherwise they would, notwithstanding the Intercession of the Bishop of *Aberdeen*, have proceeded to Extremities with so insolent a young Man but twenty-three Years old, who had thus presum'd, in so saucy a manner, to reprove and instruct his Superiors. Tho' this is highly probable, that they could not be contented with a less Satisfaction, the good Bishop of *Salisbury*, as if he were asham'd of having any Grace, with his usual Confidence, asserts, that he never submitted. We shall not now determine this Point, who was in the right, Dr. *Cockburn*, or Dr. *Burnet*; but we may venture to believe him in this

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Part of the Story, when he owns himself, that he could not repent.

P. 218, “ As soon as the War
 “ broke out, a most terrible Plague
 “ broke out also in the City of Lon-
 “ don, that scatter’d all the Inhabi-
 “ tants that were able to remove
 “ themselves elsewhere. It broke the
 “ Trade of the Nation, and swept
 “ away about one hundred thousand
 “ Souls, the greatest Havock that any
 “ Plague had made in England. This
 “ did dishearten all People; and coming
 “ in the very time that so unjust a
 “ War was begun, it had a dreadful
 “ Appearance. All the King’s Ene-
 “ mies, and the Enemies of Monarchy,
 “ said, here was a manifest Character
 “ of God’s heavy Displeasure upon the
 “ Nation: As indeed the ill Life the
 “ King led, and the Viciousness of the
 “ whole Court, gave but a melancholy
 “ Prospect; yet God’s Ways are not
 “ our Ways. What all had seen in the
 “ Year 1660, ought to have silenc’d
 “ those

“ those who at this time pretended to
 “ comment on Providence.” As to the
 Injustice of the *Dutch War*, I have
 sufficiently answer’d that scandalous
 Assertion already : But that a Plague
 should happen, without being sent
 as a Punishment for the Wickedness
 of the King, it seems, is not con-
 ceivable by some People ; tho’ the
 Reigns of Queen *Elizabeth*, *James*,
 and *Charles I.* were all usher’d in
 by great Pestilences : This was se-
 vere on those virtuous and tem-
 perate Princes, who had not offen-
 ded Heaven, as King *Charles II.* and
 his impious Court. If the Author
 had diligently observ’d our *English*
 History, he would have found that
 there was hardly a Space of above
 forty Years, since the Conquest, with-
 out some Plague or epidemical Dis-
 temper in *England* ; that we have
 escap’d so long, as since the last, is
 owing to natural Causes, and the
 Accident of the Great Fire ; after
 which,

which, the Town being rebuilt, the Houses are more airy, lightsome, and clean; the Streets being made much wider, have given a freer Ventilation, and consequently the Air is meliorated. Nothing can be more diverting, than to see Men, who have no Religion at all, to serve their Ends, lay hold on the Weakness and Superstition of those who have too much; and assert that Providence, in which at the Bottom they do not believe. The Author's good Friends, whom he mentions, the Enemies to the King and Monarchy, were very ill Arguers on this Head. This sort of Men, with the Ropes about their Necks, justify'd their good *Old Cause*, by the frequent Declaration of Heaven on their Side; not considering, that the same Providence, which had given them the decisive Battle at *Naseby*, had brought them at last to the Gallows. It is not easy to conceive his true Meaning, when he
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says, “ *What all had seen in the Year*
 “ *1660, ought to have silenc’d those,*
 “ *who at this time pretended to com-*
 “ *ment on Providence.*” This is an
 intricate Sentence, and difficult to
 comprehend; I have examin’d it
 with great Care, and, considering
 the Author’s Bent and Inclinations,
 can find no Meaning more natural,
 than after what they had seen al-
 ready, in the Year 1660, they should
 wonder at nothing that could hap-
 pen; that both were equally Plagues,
 the present Sicknes, and late Restora-
 tion.

In the same Page, he gives an Ac-
 count of the first Battle with the
Dutch; in which, contrary to the
 Grain, he owns that they were bea-
 ten, only to have an Occasion, by
 the most malicious and false Insinua-
 tions, to reflect on the Courage of
 the Duke for not beating them more
 the next Day. In order to this, he
 would have you believe, that the

Duke privately commanded sail to be flaken'd in the Night. This Reflection has been sufficiently refuted by others before me ; so I shall give myself, and the Reader, no further Trouble in proving what so many thousand Witnesses confirm'd, the personal Courage of the Duke of York on this Occasion : This is no more disputed, by Men of common Ingenuity, than the want of Candor in the Author who reviles him. He says, indeed, "*The Duke deny'd giving any such Order ; but he neither punish'd Brunker for carrying it, nor Pen for obeying it. He, indeed, put Brunker out of his Service.*" This is as much as to say, that he did not punish him, and he did punish him. My Lord Brunker was neither Soldier nor Sailour, acted under no Commission ; and, consequently, under no Cognisance of martial Justice. He was of the Bed-chamber to the Duke, a Post of Trust,

Trust, Honour, and Profit, out of which he was turn'd with Disgrace. This was all that could be done on a Civil Account; and was thought to be a Punishment by every one, except our good-natur'd Author.

P. 221, The Reader will be entertain'd with another Specimen of his Justice to the Duke of York. He is to give an Account of the Miscarriage before Bergen in Norway, of which he says thus: "*The Earl of Sandwich was sent to the North with a great Part of the Fleet, to lie for the East-India Ships; but he was thought too remiss. They got, before he was aware of it, into Bergen in Norway; if he had follow'd them quick, he would have forc'd the Port, and taken them all; but he observ'd Forms, and sent to the Viceroy of Norway to demand Entrance. This was deny'd him; but while these Messages went backward and forward, the Dutch had*

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“ so fortify’d the Entrance into the
 “ Port, that tho’ it was attempted
 “ with great Courage, yet Tiddiman,
 “ and those who composed that
 “ Squadron, were beat off with very
 “ great Loss, and forc’d to let go a
 “ very rich Fleet; for which Lord
 “ Sandwich was very much blam’d;
 “ tho’ he was sent Ambassador into
 “ Spain, that this Disgrace might be
 “ a little softned by that Employment.
 “ The Duke’s Conduct was also much
 “ blam’d; and it was said that he
 “ was most in the Fault; but that the
 “ Earl of Sandwich was made the
 “ Sacrifice.” I cannot doubt but the
 Reader is sufficiently convinc’d of the
 Author’s Malice to the Duke of York;
 that he would take any Handle to mis-
 represent and give a wrong Turn to
 the personal Actions of that Prince,
 every one must believe: But in this
 Case, he seems to have lost both
 Memory and Reason, when he makes
 this absur’d and senseless Reflection.
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The Duke was at this time at *London*, above 150 Leagues from *Bergen* in *Norway*; and yet he must be responsible for the ill Conduct of another, when, as he owns himself, the Success of the whole Affair depended upon taking the Opportunity of a very few Hours. However, the Duke was most in the Fault, and my Lord *Sandwich* sacrific'd, because that Admiral did not rush into the Port, as he ought to have done, without asking leave of the Vice-Roy. This is his own Account, notwithstanding which, without considering the Circumstances of Time or Place, and the Impossibility of what he asserts, his boiling Malice runs over, and so drowns his Senses, as to make him commit this unaccountable Blunder.

P. 229, He has this surprizing Sentence; after a full Stop he begins another Period with these Words:
"But to compleat the Miseries of this
"Year,

“ Year, the Plague was so sunk in
 “ London, that the Inhabitants be-
 “ gan to return to it.” What he
 means, is past my Skill to discover ;
 I cannot see any Probability of a ty-
 pographical Error, without changing
 one Word for another, which is not
 a natural Mistake ; if this had been
 the Case, it would surely have been
 corrected by those who had the Care
 of revising the Press, and put in
 among the *Errata* which they would
 have thought fit to have printed ;
 tho’, indeed, excepting this Absurdi-
 ty, there was not much occasion ;
 for the Book is very correct ; so that
 there is little to be laid at the Door
 of the Printer ; all the Faults are the
 Author’s own, who lay certainly, at
 this time, under some absence of
 Mind, and thought not of what he
 was doing ; as just before, when he
 blam’d the Duke of York, tho’ five
 hundred Miles distant, for the Mis-
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carriage of my Lord *Sandwich* at *Bergen*.

In his Account of the Fire, p. 230, he tells us, “ One Hubert, a French
 “ Papist, was seiz’d on in Essex, as
 “ he was getting out of the way in
 “ great Confusion. He confess’d that
 “ he began the Fire, and persisted in
 “ his Confession ’till his Death; for he
 “ was hang’d upon no other Evidence
 “ but his own Confession. It is true,
 “ he gave so broken an Account of the
 “ whole Matter that he was thought
 “ mad.” Here is a very great Mistake in the Religion of the Man: He was born, bred, and dy’d a Protestant, as appear’d by the Oaths of several *Frenchmen*, who knew his Parents, Birth, and Education, at *Rouen*. Nor was it less prov’d, that he had for some time before been disorder’d in his Senses, even to downright Madness. That this Man was a Protestant, is even own’d by Mr. *Eachard*, who has taken the following ridiculous

lous Story, as he says, from a reverend Prelate, whom we may suppose to be our Author; because he gives the same Account, p. 231, “ The
 “ most extraordinary Passage, tho’ it
 “ is but a Presumption, was told me
 “ by Dr. Floyd and the Countess of
 “ Clarendon; the latter had a great
 “ Estate in the New River that is
 “ brought from Ware to London,
 “ which is brought together at Islington. There was one Grant, a Papist,
 “ ——— he had some time before apply’d
 “ himself to Floyd, who had great
 “ Credit with the Countess of Clarendon, and said that he could raise
 “ that Estate considerably, if she would
 “ make him a Trustee for her ———
 “ He went thither the Saturday before
 “ the Fire broke out, and call’d for
 “ the Key of the Place where the
 “ Heads of the Pipes were, and turn’d
 “ all the Cocks that were then open,
 “ and stopt the Water and went away,
 “ and carry’d the Keys with him; so
 “ when

“ when the Fire broke out the next
 “ Morning, they open’d the Pipes in
 “ the Streets to find Water ; but there
 “ was none ; and some Hours were
 “ lost in sending to Islington, where
 “ the Door was to be broke open, and
 “ the Cocks turn’d ; and it was long
 “ before the Water got to London.
 “ Grant, indeed, deny’d that he turn’d
 “ the Cocks ; but the Officer of the Works
 “ affirm’d that he had, according to
 “ Order, set them all a running ; and
 “ that no Person had got the Keys from
 “ him besides Grant, who confess’d he
 “ had carry’d away the Keys, but pre-
 “ tended he did it without Design.”

Before I proceed with the Detection
 of this Forgery, I must beg the Readers
 Patience to let me make some Re-
 marks on the Barbarity of this Stile ;
 as I have tax’d him with this Defect
 in the Beginning of my Book, I would
 charge him with nothing that I can-
 not justify ; in order to which I must
 desire the Reader to take notice of

some Sentences in this last Paragraph,
viz. “ the *New River* that is brought
 “ from *Ware* to *London*, which is
 “ brought together at *Islington* ———
 “ and call’d for the Key of the Place
 “ where the Heads of the Pipes were,
 “ and turn’d all the Cocks that were
 “ then open, and stopt the Water and
 “ went away, and carry’d the Keys
 “ with him.” Here, in three Lines,
 the Conjunction Copulative, *and*, is
 repeated five times successively, with-
 out any change of the Construction.
 How great a Solæcism this is in *Syn-
 tax*, every School-Boy can tell; and
 how untunable, the Ear of the Rea-
 der will best decide. Besides this,
 he often repeats the Adverb *so*, se-
 veral times together, in his Narra-
 tion, tho’ it signifies nothing to the
 Sense. This is the Fault of the
 most vulgar and illiterate People in
 common Discourse. But what is
 worst of all, is, his frequent ending,
 not only Sentences, but sometimes Pe-

Periods, with Præpositions, *in, at, up, with, for, to, by, &c.* This Negligence, or rather Ignorance, shews him to be as uncorrect, as some other Defects, an injudicious Writer. But to return to his Tale : Here is a formal Account, which, if not true, requir'd a fruitful Invention to coin such a Story, attended with so many Circumstances ; but we will convict him with a Record. Islington, March 3, 172³/₄, *Captain John Grant admitted a Member of the New-River Company, on Tuesday, September 25, 1666.*

No particular Member of the Company has Power to order the Main to be shut down ; nor can it ever be done without a particular Direction of the Board, of which Minutes are always taken ; and there are no Minutes of this, as will appear by the Company's Books."

Grant's Admittance on the 25th of September, twenty-three Days after

the Fire, could have given him no more Authority at *Islington*, the second of that Month, than if it happen'd but Yesterday; the difference of Time, in this Case, was the same as if it had been a Platonick Revolution.

What Man of Probity, without better Grounds, would have transmitted to Posterity a Story, so cruelly injurious to the Memory of an honest and innocent Man? He owns himself that he had it from an old Woman; and it sounds, indeed, like an old Woman's Tale. His other Evidence is not much better, his good Friend the old Prophet, who, though he could foretel what was to come, was not sure, it seems, of the past. Tho' this reverend Witness was a Conjuror in Chronology, and that sort of Learning, in some respects he was a very weak Man, credulous to the last Degree; capable of believing any thing, tho' never
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so absurd, of a Papist ; and not the most tender in reporting the Story on the slightest Authority.

He now proceeds to give an Account of the Rebellion, that broke out in *Scotland* at this time. This shews the Villany of the Men, who took this Opportunity to rise in Arms, when *England* was under such a Distraction and Calamity. The Author treats these Miscreants with so much Tenderneſs, as if he would justify the Action, if he durſt. P. 236, he thus bemoans their Death, when they were brought to condign Punishment for their Crimes : “ *It was a*
 “ *moving Sight to ſee ten of the Pri-*
 “ *soners hang'd upon one Gibbet at*
 “ *Edenburgh ; thirty-five more were*
 “ *ſent to their Counties, and hang'd*
 “ *up before their own Doors, their*
 “ *Ministers all the while uſing them*
 “ *hardly, and declaring them damn'd*
 “ *for their Rebellion. They might all*
 “ *have ſav'd their Lives if they would*
 “ *have*

“*have renounc’d the Covenant.*” Nothing is more astonishing than the Partiality of this Man, in reproaching the Government for acting in their own Defence, by making Examples of those incorrigible Wretches, whom no repeated Acts of Mercy and Indulgence could reclaim. The Author had surely forgotten the Cruelty of the *Covenanters* to the *Cavaliers*, only for acting by the Commission of their lawful Prince, which certainly very much alter’d the Case. When those wicked Men were in power, *Scotland* saw her noblest Blood shed by the Hangman after another manner, if we can believe *Sir George Mackenzie*, who was in all respects, as much more reputable as he was a greater Man than the Author. *Mackenzie’s Vindication*, p. 23, *Marquesses of Huntly and Montros*, *President Spotswood*, *Haddo*, and seven hundred Gentlemen more, who dy’d by their Justice Court, when

when their Covenant over-rul'd Law and Equity; four hundred and fifty Gentlemen and Commoners who dy'd by the Justice-Court of Argyle. Besides, the same Author tells you in another Place, that these godly Covenanters, in cold Blood, at one time, flung fourscore poor Women over the Bridge at *Lithgow*, only for following *Montross's* Camp. These were Executions with a Vengeance, of which no History, in any Christian Country, can furnish an Example. After this, the Author needed not have made such a Stir, for the Death of forty-five mean Persons, out of two thousand who had forfeited their Lives to the Laws: Though I very much question, whether or no there were so many as forty-five put to death at this time, 'till I have better Authority, than the Word of an Author, who, as he has so often prevaricated in the most notorious Matters of Fact, may be suppos'd not

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to be over-scrupulous in adding or diminishing Numbers. On this Occasion, the learned Bishop gives us a Spice of his Divinity, in censuring the Ministers, for telling these Men that they would be damn'd if they dy'd without Repentance. With the reverend Author's Leave, this was certainly true, sound, and christian Doctrine, if we believe the holy Scriptures, which have pronounc'd this Sentence on all who die impenitent ; especially in so mortal a Sin as Rebellion, which the Spirit of God has thought fit to compare with that of Witchcraft. He says they might have been sav'd if they would have renounc'd the *Covenant* : This shews the merciful Disposition of that Government, and the invincible Obstinacy of those Men ; a Madness, which would have been less unaccountable, if the Author had been their Confessor.

P. 237, "They did all at their
 "Death give their Testimony, accor-
 "ding to their Phrase, to the Co-
 "venant, and to all that had been
 "done pursuant to it; and they ex-
 "press'd great Joy in their Sufferings.
 "Most of them were but mean and
 "inconsiderable Men in all respects;
 "yet even these were firm and in-
 "flexible in their Perswasion. Many
 "of them escap'd, notwithstanding the
 "great Search was made for them.
 "Guthry, the chief of their Preachers,
 "was hid in my Mother's House,
 "who was bred to her Brother Waris-
 "ton's Principles, and could never
 "be mov'd from them." The last
 Part of this Paragraph will pass with-
 out Contradiction. By this it is evi-
 dent, that good Mrs. Burnet was
 truly descended from Rachel Arnot,
 by keeping a Master Bruce in her
 House, as well as her Grandmother.
 If the Laws of Scotland are as severe
 as those of England, in the Case of

harbouring Taitors, we have another Instance of Treason committed by the Ladies of this Family. That Mrs. *Burnet* retain'd the Principles of her Brother, and her Son *Gilbert* those of his Mother, are both alike indisputable. I should not have taken notice of this Trifle, but to chastise the Vanity of the Author, who is always talking of himself and his Family ; nor would he have mention'd this Story of his Mother, but that he believ'd the Action meritorious.

In the same Page, he entertains the Reader with the Execution of one of their Preachers. On this Occasion the Author seems animated with an uncommon Transport of Admiration. “ One Macail, who was only a Probationer Preacher, and who had been Chaplain to Sir James Steward’s House, had gone from Edenburgh to them. He bore the Torture with great Constancy ; and either he could
“ say

“ say nothing, or he had Firmness not
 “ to discover those who had trusted
 “ him. Every Man of them could
 “ have sav’d his own Life, if he
 “ would accuse any other; but they
 “ were all true to their Friends. Ma-
 “ cail, for all the Pains of the Tor-
 “ ture, dy’d in a Rapture of Joy. His
 “ last Words were: Farewel Sun,
 “ Moon, and Stars; farewel Kin-
 “ dred and Friends; farewel World
 “ and Time; farewel weak and frail
 “ Body; welcome Eternity; wel-
 “ come Angels and Saints; welcome
 “ Saviour of the World; wel-
 “ come God the Judge of all. Which
 “ he spoke with a Voice and manner
 “ that struck all that heard it.” Here
 the Author is all Rapture, and seems
 carried away with an emulous Fer-
 vour at the astonishing Behaviour of
 these poor deluded Creatures, who
 dy’d in impenitence, which he is so
 far from censuring, that on the other
 hand, one would think that he was

writing a Martyrology of the Primitive Christians, and adorning the Memory of the Saints who suffer'd under *Nero* and *Dioclesian*: But it is no wonder, after pitying the Regicides in *England*, that he should have the same Bowels, and Sentiments of Tenderness for the Brethren in *Scotland*.

It is certain, that the last dying Words of this unhappy Man are pathetically moving; and, if he had suffer'd for a good Cause, would justly have rais'd Compassion; which can only result from a firm Belief that the Party is injur'd in not being guilty; or, when by his Behaviour and Repentance he so atones, as to make the Spectator forget the Crime, and the Penitent deserve to be innocent. But Atheism has had its Voluntaries and Martyrs, as well as Religion; and we have Instances of Men, who have dy'd with as great Firmness and Resolution in denying the Existence of a God, where there could

could be no Hopes of a Reward, as the Apostles themselves in asserting the Truths of Christianity. This Behaviour of the first undoubtedly rais'd Admiration; but it was an Admiration attended wth Horror, and not with Pity.

The Author is too partial to his own Countrymen, the *Scotch* Presbyterians; he dwells too long on their Praises, without having done the same Justice to our *English Venner*, and his Fifth-Monarchy Men, who dy'd with the same Resolution, acting against the same Prince, and for the same Cause, *viz.* the Setting of Christ upon his Throne, and breaking the Powers of the Earth. If it should be objected, that there were no People in *Scotland* of such Principles, by and by, in proper Time and Place, we will bring undeniable Instances of the same, if not greater Madness, in that Country.

Not-

Notwithstanding the Provocation given by this new Rebellion, at a time when *England* was so distressed by two Calamities, the Plague, and afterwards the Fire; the Author continues his Invectives against the *Scotch* Administration both in Church and State, of which his Accounts are so partial and unjust, as to leave it doubtful, whether they are more false or malicious. But Sir *George Mackenzie*, who was even a better Divine than the Author, as well as a Lawyer, has so satisfactorily vindicated the Conduct of that Government, in all Transactions both Civil and Spiritual, that what Dr. *Burnet* condemns as Severity, was rather Lenity, an Indolence in the Administration, that often had like to have prov'd very fatal; they scarce defended themselves; and if they had succumb'd under those frequent Attacks, would rather have deserv'd the Name of *Felo's de se* than Tyrants. Not content

tent to abuse the Civil Government,
 and the great Men in the Church, he
 falls at the same time most furiously
 on the inferior Clergy; but the Rea-
 der by this time is sufficiently ac-
 quainted with the Temper of the
 Man, and consequently, cannot think
 it strange, after daring to censure the
 Morals of the greatest and most
 pious Prelates in *England*, that he
 should have no more Mercy on the
 poor Curates in *Scotland*; but so
 great is the Inconsistency of this Au-
 thor, that he constantly forgets, and
 contradicts himself before his Ink is
 dry: He just now represented the
 Presbyterians, as poor harmless Men,
 made mad by Oppression, on which
 Account he seems to justify their fre-
 quent Rebellions; but now he plain-
 ly shews us that they were made in
 another Mould, not less rampant
 and untractable on Indulgence, than
 furious and ungovernable under pre-
 tended Persecution; like some curst
 and

and ill-natur'd Curs, that will bite the Hand which strokes, as well as that which corrects them; for p. 247, he gives them this Character: "*The*
" Presbyterians seeing a softning in
" the Execution of the Law, and ob-
" serving that the Archbishops were
" jealous of Lord Twedale, fancy'd
" that he was theirs in his Heart:
" Upon that they grew very insolent;
" the Clergy was in many Places ill
" us'd by them." After this Confession, when they come to be punish'd for these Misdemeanors, he will immediately arraign the Government; as if he thought that his Friends were not responsible to the Laws, and that an Impunity for Crimes committed by the Saints, as well as Dominion, was founded in Grace.

P. 261. He mentions a Design, which was at this Time set on Foot, to divorce K. Charles from Q. Catherine; on this Occasion he tells us.
" Other Stories were given out of the
Queen's

“ *Queen’s Person, which were false;*
 “ *for I saw a Letter under the King’s*
 “ *own Hand, that the Marriage was*
 “ *consummated; others talk’d of Poly-*
 “ *gamy: Lord Lauderdale, and Sir*
 “ *Robert Murray, ask’d my Opinion*
 “ *of these things; I said I knew spe-*
 “ *culative People could say a great*
 “ *deal, in the way of Argument, for*
 “ *Polygamy and Divorce: Yet these*
 “ *things were so decry’d, that they*
 “ *were rejected by all Christian So-*
 “ *cieties.”* After owning thus himself,
 that Polygamy and Divorce were un-
 lawful, and rejected by all Christian
 Societies, could any Man believe,
 that this very Author had taken the
 Pains, to write two Arguments in De-
 fence of both? first of Divorce in
 case of Barrenness, and of Polygamy
 in general, without any such Motive:
 These Papers he put into the Hands
 of Lord *Lauderdale*, and others, with
 an Intent to further the Design and
 defend the Injustice. This Contra-
 H h diction

diction of himself, in now denying what he had justify'd before, shews the Integrity of the Man, as the Arguments themselves the Orthodoxy of the Divine, in opposing the whole Torrent of Antiquity, the Decrees of the Church, and the unanimous Opinion of Civilians, Canonists, Casuists, and Divines, in all Ages. We will entertain the Reader with one of these Papers, which are entitled, *Dr. Gilbert Burnet's Resolution of two important Cases of Conscience.* Question the first, Is a Woman's Barrenness a just Ground for a Divorce, or for Polygamy. In this of Barrenness, there are some Expressions so indecent, as would offend the fair Sex; for which reason we shall omit the Discussion of this Case in regard to the Ladies, who may do us the Honour to read these Remarks.

The second Question Is, is Polygamy in any Case lawful under the Gospel? Resolv'd.

“ For

“ For answer, it is to be consider’d,
 “ that Marriage is a Contract foun-
 “ ded upon the Laws of Nature, its
 “ End being the Propagation of Man-
 “ kind; and the Formality of doing it
 “ by Churchmen is only a supervenient
 “ Benediction, or pompous solemnizing
 “ of it; and therefore the nature of
 “ Marriage, and not any Forms us’d
 “ in the Celebration of it, is to be con-
 “ sider’d. Its true, the Case is har-
 “ der when any is married by such a
 “ Form as binds him to one Woman,
 “ than when he is bound only by the
 “ tye of Marriage conceived in gene-
 “ ral Terms. The Case of Mankind
 “ since the Fall varies very much from
 “ what it was in Innocency; for then
 “ the Soundness of their Bodies, and
 “ the Purity of their Minds, did keep
 “ out of the way all the Hazards of
 “ Barrenness, Sickness, Uncleaness, or
 “ Crossness of Humour; and therefore
 “ a single Marriage, as being the per-
 “ fectest Coalition of Friendship and

“ Interest was proper to that State;
 “ and so God made but one Woman for
 “ one Man: But upon the Fall the
 “ Case varied hugely, and Frigidity,
 “ Barrenness, Unchastity, Crossness,
 “ of Humours, made the former Law
 “ not so proper for the following Race
 “ of Mankind: Yet still a single Mar-
 “ riage was the perfecter, as being
 “ nearer the Original. Before the
 “ Flood we find Lamech a Polyga-
 “ mist; such were Abraham and
 “ Jacob after it; so that this was
 “ not indulg’d by Moses; for all that
 “ he did relating to this, was only to
 “ allow of Divorce, which was a Pro-
 “ viso for the Hardness of the Israe-
 “ lites Hearts: Every Man was bound
 “ to maintain whom he had once mar-
 “ ried; least therefore such as de-
 “ sign’d another Wife, and could not
 “ maintain the former, might use in-
 “ direct Ways to be rid of them, this
 “ fair one of Divorce was allow’d of by
 “ God; and this Polygamy was prac-
 “ tis’d

" tis'd without either Allowance or
 " Controul, as the natural Right of
 " Mankind. Neither is it any where
 " mark'd among the Blemishes of the
 " Patriarchs ; David's Wives (and
 " Store of them he had) are termed by
 " the Prophet, God's Gift to him : Yea,
 " Polygamy was made, in some Cases,
 " a Duty by Moses's Law ; when any
 " dy'd without Issue, his Brother, or nea-
 " rest Kinsman, was to marry his Wife
 " for raising up Seed to him ; and all
 " were oblig'd to obey this under the
 " Hazard of Infamy if they refus'd
 " it ; neither is there any Exceptions
 " made for such as were marry'd ;
 " from whence I may faithfully con-
 " clude, that what God made neces-
 " sary in some Cases to any degree,
 " can in no case be sinful in itself,
 " since God is holy in all his Ways :
 " And thus far it appears that Poly-
 " gamy is not contrary to the Law
 " and Nature of Marriage. But it is
 " next to be examin'd, if it is forbid-
 " den

“ den under the Gospel. It is certain,
 “ our Lord design'd to raise Mankind
 “ to the highest Degrees of Purity and
 “ Chastity; and therefore our Lord
 “ and St. Paul do prefer a single Life
 “ to a married State, as that which
 “ qualifies us for the Kingdom of
 “ Heaven, and was loaded with the
 “ fewest Incumbrances; and by this
 “ Rule, a single Marriage being next
 “ to none at all, is certainly most suit-
 “ able to the Gospel; but a simple and
 “ express Discharge of Polygamy is no
 “ where to be found: It is true, our
 “ Lord discharges Divorces, except in
 “ the Case of Adultery; adding, that
 “ whosoever puts away his Wife upon
 “ any other Account, commits Adul-
 “ tery, so St. Luke and St. Matthew
 “ in one Place have it; or commits
 “ Adultery against her, so St. Mark
 “ has it; or causes her to commit
 “ Adultery, so St. Matthew in an-
 “ other Place. If it be then Adulte-
 “ ry to take another Woman after an
 “ unjust

“ unjust Divorce, it will follow, that
 “ the Wife has that Right to the Hus-
 “ band's Body, that he must touch no
 “ other. This is indeed plausible; and
 “ is all that can be brought from the
 “ New Testament, which seems con-
 “ vincing: Yet it will not be found of
 “ Weight; for it is to be consider'd,
 “ that if our Lord had been to anti-
 “ quate Polygamy, it being so deeply
 “ rooted in the Men of that Age,
 “ confirm'd by such famous and un-
 “ question'd Precedents, and rivetted
 “ by so long a Practice, he must have
 “ done it plainly and authoritatively;
 “ and not in such an involv'd manner,
 “ that it must be sought out of his
 “ Words by the search of Logick; nei-
 “ ther are these dark Words made more
 “ clear by any of the Apostles in their
 “ Writings. Words are to be carried
 “ no further than the Design upon
 “ which they were written will lead
 “ them to; so that our Lord being in
 “ that Place to strike out Divorces so
 “ ex-

“ explicitly, we must not by a Conse-
 “ quence condemn Polygamy, since it
 “ seems not to have fallen within the
 “ Scope of what our Lord does there
 “ disprove. Besides, the Term Adul-
 “ tery may be taken in general for such
 “ a Breach of Wedlock as is equivalent
 “ to Adultery; and such is an unjust
 “ Divorce. This may be the Impor-
 “ tance of the Phrase used by St. Mark,
 “ he committeth Adultery against her;
 “ or all may be better explain’d by the
 “ Phrase St. Matthew uses about it, in
 “ one Place, he causes her to commit
 “ Adultery; since he that exposeth and
 “ tempteth to sin, shares in the Guilt
 “ with the Person that succumbs: And
 “ from this it appears, that Polygamy
 “ is not declar’d Adultery, neither in
 “ the Place cited, nor any other that I
 “ know of. But it is true that Poly-
 “ gamy falls short of the Intendment of
 “ Marriage in Innocency, to which
 “ State, we that are under the Gospel,
 “ must return as near as it is possible.
 “ It

“ It is to be confest that Polygamy was
 “ much condemn’d by the Ancients ;
 “ tho’ I think I have met with some-
 “ thing about it that is little notic’d ;
 “ but of that I can adventure to say
 “ nothing at this Distance from my
 “ Books and Papers : But all that be-
 “ ing granted, it is to be consider’d,
 “ that the Ancients were unjust and se-
 “ vere against Marriage, and did ex-
 “ cessively favour the Cælibate ; so that
 “ in some Places, they who married the
 “ second time were put to do Penance
 “ for it : And, indeed, both Jew and
 “ Gentile had run into such Excess, by
 “ their free Commixtures, that it is no
 “ Wonder if the holy Men of these
 “ Ages, being provok’d to a just Zeal
 “ against such unjust Practices, must
 “ have been carried thro’ the immode-
 “ rate swaying of the Counterpoise into
 “ some Extreame on the other Hand :
 “ Therefore to conclude this short An-
 “ swer, wherein many things are hin-
 “ ted, which might have been enlarg’d

“ to a Volume, I see nothing so strong
 “ against Polygamy as to ballance the
 “ great and visible imminent Hazards
 “ that hang over so many thousands,
 “ if it be not allow’d.”

The Resolution of these two Cases, is attested by Dr. *Paterfon* Archbishop of *Glasgow*, in the following Form, under his Hand and Episcopal Seal Manual :

“ At *Edenburgh*, this fifth Day of
 “ *January* one thousand seven hun-
 “ dred and three Years. That the
 “ above-written Resolution of these
 “ two Cases, viz. (is a Woman’s
 “ Barrenness a just Ground for Di-
 “ vorce, or Polygamy ; and is Poly-
 “ gamy in any Case lawful under the
 “ Gospel ?) contain’d in this and the
 “ two foregoing Pages, is a true Copy
 “ of what I saw, read, and copy’d,
 “ from the original Manuscript writ-
 “ ten with Dr. *Gilbert Burnet*’s own
 “ Hand ; and which I copy’d over at
 “ *Ham*, in the Year 1680 ; the Ori-
 “ ginal

“ ginal being then in the Possession
 “ of the late Duke of *Lauderdale*, by
 “ whose Allowance and Consent I
 “ took a Copy of it, I do hereby so-
 “ lemnly attest, as Witness my Hand
 “ and Seal, Day, Year, and Place,
 “ above written.

J. Galsgow L. S.

This Copy is taken from the Copy attested by the Archbishop of *Glasgow*, now in possession of the honourable *Archibald Campbell*, where it may be seen, if there is occasion.

The Heterodoxy of these Opinions must be left to Divines and Casuists, whose Province it is to confute them. But we cannot part with this Subject without making one Remark: He allows Crossness of Humour to be one Reason for Plurality of Wives. But with Submission, we cannot think that a good Argument to induce any one to make a new Trial; one Scold is enough in a House; and when a

Man is so unfortunate as to meet with that ill Quality in one Woman, the Devil is in him if he ventures on another.

When the Author gave these Papers to Duke *Lauderdale*, with an Intention to justify that wicked Design of repudiating Queen *Katharine*, it is hardly credible, that he told his Patron, that what he had maintain'd, was so unlawful, as to be rejected by all Christian Societies. That these were his own true Sentiments of this Matter is certain. As he thought fit to marry three Wives in his Life, if the Laws would have allow'd, considering the Frame of the Man in Body and Mind, no doubt can be made, but that he would have been infinitely pleas'd to have had his little Seraglio, and enjoy'd them all three together.

P. 262, " *At this time the Court*
 " *fell into much Extravagance in*
 " *Masquerading ; both King and*
 " *Queen*

“ Queen and all the Court went about
 “ mask’d ; and came into Houses un-
 “ known , and danc’d there with a
 “ great deal of wild Frolick ; in all
 “ this People were so disguis’d, that
 “ without being in the Secret none could
 “ distinguish them. They were car-
 “ ried about in Hackney-Chairs. Once
 “ the Queen’s Chairmen, not knowing
 “ who she was, went from her ; so she
 “ was alone, and much distur’d, and
 “ came to Whitehall in a Hackney
 “ Coach, some say it was in a Cart”.
 This is a smart Attack upon the
 Court ; and shews the Doctor’s pro-
 found Knowledge even in Masque-
 rades. First, “ They were so disguis’d
 “ that no Body could distinguish them.”
 If that had not been their Intention
 they would not have been in Mas-
 querade. Ah, but “ they went about
 “ in Hackney-Chairs” for the very
 same Reason ; if they had gone in
 their own every Body would have
 known them. But the Cream of the
 Jest

Jest is, that the Queen went home in a Cart. This is all the Author's own ; and he thought it an extraordinary Flight of Wit and Satyr, without considering the Absurdity of the thing. Every one, who is acquainted with the Town of *London*, knows, that no Carts, except Gold-finders, ply in the Streets late at Night, tho' Coaches and Chairs may be had at any Hours.

The remaining part of this Paragraph is equally as silly : “ *The Duke of Buckingham propos'd to the King, that he would give him Leave to steal her away, and send her to a Plantation, where she should be well and carefully look'd to ; but never heard of more : So it should be given out that she had deserted ; and upon that, it would fall in with some Principles to carry an Act for a Divorce, grounded upon pretence of wilful Desertion.* ” This is

a Stretch of Politicks beyond all the
Ma-

Machiavels that ever were. If this Story can be true, none but such an extravagant Man as the Duke of *Buckingham*, was capable of saying so ridiculous a thing in Jest ; and none but such an Historian as Dr. *Burnet* to tell it again in earnest. To steal private Children was formerly usual ; but to Kidnap a Queen, attended with so many Guards, is somewhat new and extraordinary. In this Case, that she should never be heard of any more, we must suppose, that her numerous Family of Servants, who depended on her, would never enquire after their Mistress, any more than her Friends and Relations in *Portugal*. How to clear the Author, and bring this Project within the Bounds of Possibility, will be no easy Matter ; unless we imagine that they might surprise this poor Princess in her Cart, and then the thing would be feasible.

P. 264, Speaking of my Lord Rochester, he says, " That he found
 " out a Footman that knew all the
 " Court ; and he furnish'd him with a
 " red Coat and a Musket, as a Cen-
 " tinel ; and kept him all the Winter
 " long every Night at the Doors of
 " such Ladies as he believ'd might be
 " in Intrigues." All Centinels are

posted and reliev'd by Corporals ; if the Persons themselves, or their Servants, had not discover'd the extraordinary Honour that was done them, by this new Mark of Distinction at their Door, the Corporals, when they went their Rounds to relieve the Centinels, would soon have detected the counterfeit Red-coat, and have carried him Prisoner to the Guard. So ridiculous a Story was never told by a Man of Sense before. This shews the Credulity and Ignorance of this Writer, who, for want of Judgment to distinguish between what is probable and what is absur'd, often

often believes common-place Stories, runs away with the little Chit-chat of the meanest People, and with these Impertinencies thinks to embellish his Memoirs. We shall hereafter have more remarkable Instances of his picking up Coffee-House Stories, and perpetuating to Posterity the Lies of the Day, which, without such a Register as the Author, generally expire as soon as they are born.

P. 272, “ *No sooner was the King at ease, and had his Fleet put in good case, and his Stores and Magazines well furnish’d, than he immediately fell to negotiating with France, both to ruin Holland and subvert the Government of England.*”

This Design in the King, of subverting the Liberties of *England*, has often, with a surprizing Temerity, been charg’d on this Prince by the Author. That the Affront at *Chatham* stuck in his Stomach is no Wonder ;

der ; and if he had a mind to chastise the *Dutch* for that Indignity, it was but Prudence to fortify himself with strong Alliances ; all wise Princes and Governments, on the same Occasion, use the same Precautions ; but when they take these Measures, it is not to be inferr'd from thence, that they must consequently have a Design on the Liberties of their own People. This is all the Reason he seems to assign, *viz.* the Alliance with *France*, for this unjust Charge on *Charles II.* If the Reputation of private Men is dearer than Life, that of great Princes is certainly as sacred. Till the charitable Author thinks fit to give us some more plausible Reasons, some greater Motives of Credibility to influence our Faith in this Matter, we must beg his Excuse, if we cannot believe him. If this King had really such wicked Designs, it is strange that he should never attempt to put them in execution ; he had it
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in his Power to have gone a great way, if we may credit the Author's own Accounts ; a wicked Ministry, a corrupt Parliament devoted to the Court, and a strict Alliance with the strongest Power in *Europe* to back him, must needs have put him in such a Situation, as probably to have enabled him to carry his Point, if he had been capable of forming so unjust a Project. All the World knows, that this cautious Prince rejected the arbitrary Schemes of my Lord *Shaftsbury*, which Virtue had like to have cost him so dear ; his Habit of Life, his Manners and Conduct, his Indolence and Aversion to Enterprizes of Hazard, plainly confute the Absurdity of this Accusation against *Charles II.* who, if he had been carried away by no other Lust, but that of Power, might have made as good a Christian as he was a King. This Aversion to King *Charles*, which is evident by so constant a Train of Calumny,

lunny, is not the most unaccountable Part of Dr. *Burnet's* Conduct; ill Men will always gratify their Revenge at the Expence of their Honour and Conscience. The great Penetration and Knowledge of Men, peculiar to this Prince, made him, sooner than others, discover the Cloven-foot of the Author: This he thought fit to communicate to his Brother, and to warn him to be on his Guard against so dangerous a Man. This the good Christian Bishop could never forgive; *Manet alta Mente repostum*. But for his Injustice to the Duke of *York* no tolerable Reason can be surmis'd; that Prince loaded him with Favours, and never disoblig'd him; had the Goodness to protect him, and take his part, when all Men of Honour had abandon'd him. Nor was this all, would have employ'd his Interest to have got him Preferment; to all which Bounties we have seen the impious

pious Return that he has made. As we cannot account for this Conduct, we must have recourse to the Accidents in Nature, who is sometimes irregular, and produces monstrous Minds, as well as Bodies.

P. 273, he gives us the Reason of his wonderful Esteem for Dr. Leighton.

“ Leighton was the only Person among the Bishops who declar’d for these Methods.” In the next Page

he gives you the Particulars. “ He

“ propos’d, that the Church should be

“ govern’d by the Bishops and their

“ Clergy mixing together in the Church

“ Judicatory, in which the Bishop

“ should act only as a President, and

“ be determin’d by a Majority of the

“ Presbyters, both in Matters of Ju-

“ risdiction and Ordination. And

“ that the Presbyterians should be al-

“ low’d, when they sat down first in

“ these Judicatories, to declare, that

“ their sitting under a Bishop was sub-

“ mitted to by them only for peace sake,

“ with

“ with a Reservation of their Opinion
 “ with relation any to such Presidency;
 “ and that no negative Vote should be
 “ claim’d by the Bishop. That Bi-
 “ shop’s should go to the Churches, in
 “ which such as were to be ordain’d
 “ were to serve, and hear and discuss
 “ any Exceptions that were made to
 “ them, and ordain them with the
 “ Concurrence of the Presbytery. That
 “ such as were to be ordain’d should
 “ have Leave to declare their Opi-
 “ nion, if they thought the Bishop was
 “ only the Head of the Presbyters.
 “ And he also proposed that there
 “ should be provincial Synods, to sit in
 “ Course every third Year, or oftner,
 “ if the King should summon them; in
 “ which Complaints of the Bishops
 “ should be receiv’d, and they should
 “ be censur’d accordingly. The Laws
 “ that settled Episcopacy, and the Au-
 “ thority of a national Synod, were to
 “ be alter’d according to this Scheme.”

The Author has told us before, that
 Leighton

Leighton consulted him in all these Matters: So that according to this *Leightonian* and *Burnettian* Scheme, Episcopacy was to be melted down into the Dregs of Presbytery. This would have been a noble Hierarchy, indeed, where the Bishop was a perfect Cypher, without the Authority of a present Moderator in the General Assemblies. The obliging them to go to the Place of Ordination in the respective Parishes, was a little severe; especially in our Author, who would not allow the *Scotch* Bishops the use of Coaches. As we must suppose them generally old Men, and liable to the Infirmities of Age, Gout, or Stone, which might have prevented their being able to ride on Horseback, they must have been forc'd to have walk'd on Foot to every Ordination in a large Diocess; this would have been a fine Employment for poor old Men. After this Account, which he has given in this posthumous

mous Work, the Reader will be very much surpriz'd to hear, that this very Author absolutely deny'd this Story of his Friend *Leighton* above fifty Years ago; by which we may see, that his whole Life has been one interrupted Scene of Disingenuity, and how little we can depend on the Credit of a Man, who will say and unsay the very same things, according as his present Views and Interest led him. The reverend and learned Dr. *Hicks*, whose Probity was unexceptionable, has given us the following Account of this Insincerity, in a Discourse on Dr. *Burnet*, &c. above thirty Years past. It was upon the Score of *Latitudinarianism* and mystical Devotion, that he lov'd to extol Dr. *Layton*, tho', by some Canons he has cited in his History of the Rights of Princes, he was an Usurper of the See of Glasgow — His admir'd Dr. *Layton* was so great a Libertine in Comprehension, that he freely

ly offer'd to transact all things in the Government of the Church, with his Presbyters, by plurality of Suffrages; strictly speaking, as if he were no more than a Presbyter among them. Archbishop Burnet, into whose Chair he intruded, told Doctor Gunning, Bishop of Ely, this story of his Intruder; and he wondring, that any Bishop should give up that power, without which he could not act as a Bishop, asked Dr. Burnet the truth of it, which he positively deny'd: This denial of his, oblig'd the good Archbishop for his Vindication, to refer Bishop Gunning to a Book he had left with a Friend, for the Truth of what he had told him of the comprehensive Latitude of Dr. Leighton. I saw the Book, and remember it was printed at Glascow, and it so fully satisfy'd the Bishop, that he took it home with him; but before he went, made some reflections on the ingenuity of Dr. Burnet."

In the following Pages, the Author gives a long Account of the Indulgence granted by the Government to the *Scotch* Presbyterians, and of the brutal Ingratitude of these People, who would not accept the Favours offer'd, but flew in the Face of Authority. Their Conduct on this Occasion was so extravagant, by his own Confession, as to justify any future Severity in the Administration towards a Set of Men, who could not deserve that Quarter which they would not take.

P. 301, he relates the Arrival of the Dutcheſs of *Orleans* in *England*; as to her Design in taking this Journey he gives this Account: “ *The*
 “ *King's Sister, the Dutcheſs of Or-*
 “ *leans, was thought the wittiest Wo-*
 “ *man in France. The King of France*
 “ *had made love to her, with which*
 “ *she was highly incens'd, when she*
 “ *saw it was only a Pretence to co-*
 “ *ver his Addresses to Mademoiselle*
 “ *La*

“ La Valiere, one of her Maids of
 “ Honour, whom he declar’d after-
 “ wards openly to be his Mistress: Yet
 “ she had reconcil’d herself to the King,
 “ and was now so entirely trusted by
 “ him, that he order’d her to propose
 “ an Interview with her Brother at
 “ Dover. The King went thither,
 “ and was so much charm’d with his
 “ Sister, that every thing she propos’d,
 “ and every Favour she ask’d, was
 “ granted, the King could deny her
 “ nothing. She proposed an Alliance
 “ in order to the Conquest of Hol-
 “ land. The King had a Mind to
 “ have begun at home; but she diver-
 “ ted him from that. It could not be
 “ foreseen, what Difficulties the King
 “ might meet with upon the first ope-
 “ ning the Design: As it would alarm
 “ all his People, so it would send a
 “ great deal of Wealth and Trade,
 “ and, perhaps, much People over to
 “ Holland; and by such an Accession
 “ they would grow stronger as he would
 “ grow

“ grow weaker. So she proposed that
 “ they should begin with Holland, and
 “ attack it vigorously, both by Sea and
 “ Land; and by their Success in that,
 “ all the rest would be an easy Work.
 “ This Account of that Negotiation
 “ was printed twelve Years after at
 “ Paris, by one Abbot Primi.”

No Body can believe that the
 Dutcheſs of Orleans, let her Errand
 be what it will, brought over any
 Papers of Instructions, that might
 be ſuppos'd to paſs thro' Offices;
 what ſhe had to ſay was by Word of
 Mouth; and how any one could
 pretend to know what paſs'd between
 her and her Brother in his Cloſet,
 is a little difficult to conceive. The
 Author acknowledges to have no
 other Vouchers, but what he read in
 a Libel printed at Paris twelve
 Years afterward, and written by a
 ſcandalous French Abbé, who was
 flung into a Dungeon for making
 this Story. But not content to
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make this Princess an Enemy to her native Country, to gratify his Itch of telling Stories, he barbarously attacks the Honour of so great a Woman, and makes her a common Prostitute; and this upon no other Foundation than a Hearsay; he had it from one who had it from another, who was well inform'd of the Matter. Without a better Authority, a Man of common Probity would not take away the Reputation of an Oyster-Woman; especially not go out of his way to injure any one that might be innocent, by thus impertinently, by Head and Shoulders, hawling in a Story forreign to his Book, if it had been never so true. Without regard to the illustrious Blood in her Veins, he cruelly worries the Memory of a Daughter of *England*, Sister to two of our Kings, and Aunt to his Benefactors, King *William*, Queen *Mary*, and Queen *Anne*. Nor have forreign Crowns a less

less Share of the Affront, two of the principal Thrones of *Europe* being at this Day fill'd from the Loins of this Princess. The Story itself, which I am asham'd to repeat, is so ridiculous and improbable, so very extravagant, and like a little *French Novel*, that no Man of good Sense can believe it. After this, what must we think of an Author, who thus rakes in the Dunghills of Scandal for Matter to supply his unextinguishable Hatred to the Royal Family?

He now proceeds to the second *Dutch War* in this Reign, where he continues his implacable Malice to the Duke of *York*; for want of Truth to asperse and lessen that Prince, this unknowing Man unluckily censures the most gallant Action of his Life, and that which confirm'd the Opinion of his personal Courage in all Mankind, who are the least competent Judges of these Matters. By his own Words the Reader will best see the

the Injustice of this Reflection. P. 323, "De Ruyter disabled the Ship in which the Duke was, whom some blam'd for leaving his Ship too soon; then his personal Courage began first to be call'd in question." The Author, when he says that this was the first time that his Courage was call'd in question, forgets the Pains that he took to make the World believe, that the Duke order'd Sail to be slacken'd by Night, in the preceeding War. But to return to the present Affair; the Duke's Ship was so disabled that she lay a Wreck on the Water, upon which he went into the Boat; and tho' all about him most earnestly intreated, that he would strike his Flag, he would not consent; his Courage surmounted his Prudence; he display'd his Colours, and with a triumphant Bravery insulted the Foe in his Cockboat; this distinguish'd him to be there in Person, and expos'd him to the incessant Fire from the

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the whole Line of the Enemy, who endeavour'd to sink him ; but by a happy temerity he pass'd thro' them all, got on board a fresh Ship, where he hoisted his Flag, restor'd the Fight, and renew'd his Dangers. Whereas, if he had continu'd in the disabled Ship, he would have been row'd out of the Battle, and falling back behind the Line, have remain'd in perfect Safety. Whether the Ignorance or Malice of this Reflection is greater, let the World judge.

The Author has, in several Places of his Book, tax'd King *Charles* with Coldness and Neglect of the Prince of *Orange's* Interests in *Holland* ; but he now forgets himself, and gives us a contrary Account. P. 324, "*They sent two Embassadors, Dickvelt and Halewyn, to join with Borel, who was still in England, to try if it was possible to divide England from France ; and the Morning in which they were dispatch'd away, they had*"
" secret

“ secret Powers given them to treat
 “ concerning the Prince of Orange’s
 “ being their Stadtholder ; for Lord
 “ Arlington had so often reproach’d Bo-
 “ rel for not doing it, that he in all
 “ his Letters continued still to press
 “ that on them, &c.” Notwithstan-
 ding my Lord *Arlington* was one of
 the corrupt Ministers, according to
 the Author’s Character, yet we see
 that he had always strenuously prest
 to have the Stadtholdership for the
 Prince of *Orange* ; by which it is
 evident, that the King was not so
 very remiss in the Interests of his
 Nephew, as it has been often insinu-
 ated by this Writer.

P. 338. After plentifully railing at
 Duke *Lauderdale*, he says, “ I soon
 “ grew so weary of the Court, tho’
 “ there was scarce a Person so well
 “ used by him as my self was, that I
 “ went out of Town.” How far this
 good Usage, and his Gratitude to that
 Nobleman, on whom he has made

Reflections foreign to an Historian are consistent, we leave the World to judge. But his Spight to the Wife was not less than that to the Husband. He has, in the next Page, painted the Dutcheſs of *Lauderdale* in Colours not the most advantageous; tho' I have seen a Copy of Verses written at this very time by Dr. *Burnet*, who had then it seems other Sentiments for that great Lady: The Flattery was as grosse and fulsome as the Poetry was wretched; so very mean, that a common School-Boy wou'd have been asham'd to have own'd it: Tho' there was nothing but Angel in every Line, it is possible, that she was not so fair as the Poet wou'd make her, nor so foul as the Historian describes her. It is highly probable, that the Sincerity of the Author was equal in both Capacities.

P. ibid. " I was sent for, and
 " continued in such high Favour, that I
 " was

“ was again try’d if I would accept of
 “ a Bishoprick, and was promised the
 “ first of the two Archbishopricks that
 “ should fall: But I was still fix’d
 “ in my former Resolutions not to en-
 “ gage early, being then but nine and
 “ twenty, &c.” For this we have only
 his bare Word; I would not pre-
 judice or influence the Reader; but
 for my own Part, I have so much
 a stronger Opinion of his Ambition
 than Modesty, that I must own I
 cannot believe him.

He begins his third Book with de-
 scribing the Situation of Affairs at
 the Meeting of the Parliament in
 Seventy-three. At this time the King
 was in very ill Circumstances; he was
 engag’d in a War, and wanted
 Money to support it. His Ministers
 had put him upon two Projects,
 which were both thought illegal by
 his People: The first was the Decla-
 ration for Liberty of Conscience,
 without Consent of Parliament: This

was dispensing with the Laws. The other was, issuing Writs out of Chancery for electing Members in the vacant Boroughs, during the Intervals of Parliament: This had been the ancient Custom; but the House of Commons having got Possession of this Right, would not let go their Title of Prescription. My Lord *Shaftsbury*, who was now at the Head of the Ministry, was the chief Adviser in both these irregular Steps. Let us see the Author's Account. P. 346, "*The Money was exhausted, so it was necessary to have a Session of Parliament; and one was call'd in the Beginning of the Year. At the Opening of it the King excus'd the issuing out the Writs, as done to save time, and to have a full House at their first Opening; but he left that Matter wholly to them. He spoke of the Declaration for Liberty of Conscience in another Stile: He said he had seen the good Effects of*" it

“ it, and that he would stick to it and
 “ maintain it. He said, he was en-
 “ gag’d in a War for the Honour of
 “ the Nation ; and therefore he de-
 “ manded the Supplies necessary to car-
 “ ry it on. On these Heads Lord
 “ Shaftsbury enlarg’d ; but no part of
 “ his Speech was more amazing than
 “ that, speaking of the War with the
 “ Dutch, he said, Delenda est Car-
 “ thago ; yet while he made a base
 “ complying Speech, in favour of the
 “ Court and of the War, he was in a
 “ secret Management with another
 “ Party.” Hard Fate of Princes !
 they must see with other Mens Eyes,
 and yet be responsible for other
 Men’s Faults. Necessity obliges them
 to make use of subservient Agents,
 who, when thro’ Imprudence or De-
 sign, they have embarrass’d their
 Masters, to escape the rising Storm,
 tack about in time, and make their
 Peace with the People at the Ex-
 pence of the injur’d Sovereign. These

two Efforts were the only Actions that look any thing arbitrary in the Reign of King *Charles II.* both these Pretensions he soon surrender'd to the Remonstrances of his People; which Consideration should have induced our Author to have been a little more just to the Character of this Prince, whom his own Confession allows to have been so basely betray'd.

P. 348, “ *It had been much debated in the Cabinet what the King should do: Lord Clifford and Duke Lauderdale were for the King’s standing his Ground. Sir Ellis Leighton assur’d me, that the Duke of Buckingham and Lord Berkley offer’d the King, that if he would bring the Army to Town, that they would take out of both Houses the Members that made the Opposition. He fancied that the Thing might easily be brought about; and that if the King would have acted* “ *with*

“ with the Spirit that he sometimes
 “ put on, they might have carried
 “ their Business. Duke Lauderdale
 “ talkt of bringing the Army out of
 “ Scotland, &c.” If this is true, it
 is a sufficient Justification of King
Charles, and acquits him from the
 repeated Accusations of the Author
 in regard to his arbitrary Designs.
 By his Refusal to follow this wicked
 Advice, it is plain, that he never had
 such Intentions, when no Opportuni-
 ty could tempt, and no Necessity
 force him, tho’ the Thing was prac-
 ticable, to make any Attempt on the
 Liberties of his People. This is the
 Burden of the Song in the Author’s
 constant Charge against this Prince,
 as if it were a Crime to be ill ad-
 vis’d, and no Virtue to reject the
 evil Council.

P. 354, “ Lord Sunderland was a
 “ Man of a clear and ready Appre-
 “ hension ——— He had the Dex-
 “ terity of insinuating himself so in-
 “ tirely

“ *tirely into so great a Degree of*
 “ *Confidence with three succeeding*
 “ *Princes, who set up on different In-*
 “ *terests, &c.*” Two of these Princes
 must be King *Charles* and King
James, who were both Papists ; the
 one secret, according to our Author,
 the other avow’d ; and, if we can
 believe him, had both the same con-
 stant, settled, uniform Design of in-
 troducing Popery : How came they
 then to set up on different Interests ?
 This is a manifest Inconsistency ; and
 shews how necessary it is for Writers
 to keep within the Paths of Truth ;
 when once they wander, led by no
 other Guide than their Passions, they
 soon lose their Way, are bewilder’d
 in the Mazes of Error, and plunge
 into the greatest Absurdities.

In the following Pages he enter-
 tains his Reader with very advanta-
 gious Accounts of himself, in which
 his Vanity is insupportable ; the King
 and the Duke consult him as an
 Oracle,

Oracle, not only in his own Profession, but even in Politicks; no Body could give them Accounts of *Scotland* but Dr. *Burnet*, when they had so many abler Men, on whose Capacity they could better rely, as well as Integrity. The King by his Praises raises him Envy; and the Duke of *Buckingham* falls in love with him, as soon as ever he saw his Face. This Vanity is always attended by a certain Weakness and Impotence of Mind; when a Man is conceited so much of his own Merit, he will have but a tolerable Opinion of his Neighbours; for whoever is always commending himself, will seldom speak well of others.

P. 359, " I carried a Volume of
 " Judge Crook's to him (Duke of
 " York) in which it is reported that
 " King James had once in Council
 " complain'd of a Slander cast on him,
 " as if he was inclin'd to change his
 " Religion; and had solemnly vindi-
 N n " cated

“ cated himself from the Imputation;
 “ and pray’d, that if any should spring
 “ out of his Loins, that should main-
 “ tain any other Religion, than that
 “ which he maintain’d and profess’d,
 “ that God would take him out of the
 “ World. He read it; but it made
 “ no Impression. And when I urg’d
 “ him with some things in his Father’s
 “ Book, he gave me the Account of it
 “ that was formerly mention’d.” If

this Account given by Judge Crook
 is true, it acquits that Prince from all
 this Author’s slanderous Insinuations
 of his being inclin’d to Popery. The
 Book he mentions is the famous
 ’Εικὼν Βασιλική, written by K. Charles I.
 In the Beginning of this posthu-
 mous Work, Dr. Burnet has been
 pleas’d to tell us, that in a Conver-
 sation with the Duke of York, that
 Prince assur’d him that the ’Εικὼν
 Βασιλική was not written by the King
 his Father; but by Dr. Gauden.
 This Story, improbable as it is, I let
 then

then pass uncontradicted ; being satisfy'd that Dr. *Wagstaff* had so undeniably prov'd the Right of the King to that Book, against his Antagonist Mr. *Toland*, that no Man of common Ingenuity could doubt it. But since he thinks fit to renew and confirm the same Tale, we shall be oblig'd to discuss the Probability of this secret History, how unlikely it is that the Duke shou'd tell him this Story. *Charles* the 2d, in the Year 1660, granted his Letters Patents for printing his Father's Works, on which Occasion, this Book is mentioned by Name, and asserted to be compos'd by the King. Afterward King *James* in the Year 1685, granted a new Patent for printing the same Works in which 'Εκὼν Βασιλικὴ is included. I must desire the Reader to take Notice, that this was long after all Correspondence had been broken between the Duke and the Doctor, who now, without any Provocation, had flown

in his Face, and began to make open War upon him : So that whatever Conversation had past between them, must have been before his Accession to the Throne, and long before the Grant of this last Patent. After this, it is a little hard to believe, that this unfortunate Prince, with all his Faults, shou'd be guilty of so much Disingenuity, as to assert, under his Broad-Seal, for a Truth, what he had deny'd before to Dr. *Burnet* ; and if to him, probably to many others, this is unlike the Character whith the Author has given himself of this Prince, whom in his private Capacity, as to his Morals, he has made an honest and sincere Man ; and in this Case he cou'd have no Interest of State or Religion to impose on the World. But why did not Dr. *Burnet* declare this Matter to Mankind, during the Life of King *James* ? If he had not been afraid of being contradicted, it is highly probable, that

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we shou'd have heard this Story long before; that Prince having surviv'd the Loss of his Crown near 13 Years, the Author had all that time to have said what he pleased, in regard to him, with Impunity. If there were no other Argument, the Book it self speaks the Author; no Man cou'd so naturally, so movingly, express those Sufferings, but he who had felt them. As to Dr. *Gauden*, the Bishop allows himself, that his other Performances were very much inferior to the Excellencies of that Book. If he then, who is the only Person pretended, was not the Author, why not the King, who has all the moral Certitude, all the Proofs and Presumptions on his Side, that the Nature of the Thing, at this distance of Time, will admit? Without any Disparagement to Dr. *Gauden*, he had no more the Capacity to have written this Book, than probably the Fortitude to have born the Sufferings which those

those divine Meditations lament. It is no Wonder, that the Party who murder'd this Prince, should be ashamed to have the World believe, that a Man, whom they had so inhumanly treated, was adorn'd with so many Virtues, and able so well to defend his Innocence. After all, by this Story, Dr. *Burnet* will have the Honour to be join'd with Mr. *Toland*, in depreciating the Memory of King *Charles I.* this will naturally give the uncharitable Part of the World a Handle to believe, that the good Bishop was not absolutely averse to some other extraordinary Principles of that worthy Man, his Colleague. But this is not the only Injustice done daily to the Memory of *Charles I.* Nothing can be more astonishing than the unextinguishable Malice of some Men, who not satisfy'd with the Blood of that Prince, take all Occasions to murder his Reputation, and react on his Memory,

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the Cruelty of the Regicides to h
 Person; by this they contract a Share
 of the Crime, and perpetuate the
 Vengeance as well as the Guilt;
 while by thus disturbing the vene-
 rable Ashes of the Royal Martyr,
 whom they will not let rest in his
 Grave, they add their own Sacrilege
 to the execrable Parricide of their
 impious Ancestors.

P. 360, he gives us a fresh In-
 stance of his wonderful Modesty.

“ He (i. e. Sir Ellis Leighton) prest

“ me to improve my present Advan-

“ tages, to the making my Fortune:

“ The See of Durham was then va-

“ cant; and he was confident it would

“ be no hard Matter for me to com-

“ pass it. But I had none of those

“ Views, and so was not mov’d by

“ them.” In refusing an Archbishop-
 rick in *Scotland* the Doctor shew’d his

Contempt of Dignity, as now of

Riches. This is a Modesty not to

be equall’d in these latter degenerate

Ages;

Ages, we must go back to the primitive Times, to find such a great Example of Humility and Self-denial. The See of *Durham*, consider'd in all respects, perhaps is the best in *England*; and we should have had more reason to believe him in this Point, if he had not condescended to accept a much worse, inferior in every respect, both in Revenue and Dignity, as soon as he could get it. Thus the most aspiring and ambitious of Men sets up for a Pattern of the opposite Virtues. As to this Story, it is my firm Opinion, that there is not one Man in *England* believes him.

P. 379, he brings us to that famous Affair which made so much Noise, his Accusation of Duke *Lauderdale* before the House of Commons. Here the Author, thro' a visible Consciousness, endeavours to palliate so vile an Action. Let us hear what he can say for himself.

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“ The House of Commons fell upon
 “ Duke Lauderdale ; and those who
 “ knew what had pass’d between him
 “ and me, mov’d that I should be exa-
 “ min’d before a Committee. I was
 “ brought before them. I told them
 “ how I had been commanded out of
 “ Town. But tho’ that was illegal, yet
 “ since it had been let fall, it was not
 “ insisted on. I was next examin’d
 “ concerning his Design of arming the
 “ Irish Papists. I said, I, as well as
 “ others, heard him say, he wish’d the
 “ Presbyterians in Scotland would re-
 “ bel, that he might bring over the
 “ Irish Papists to cut their Throats.
 “ I was next examin’d concerning the
 “ Design of bringing a Scottish Army
 “ into England. I desir’d to be excus’d
 “ as to what had pass’d in private
 “ Discourse, to which I thought I was
 “ not bound to answer, unless it were
 “ High-Treason. They press’d me
 “ long, and I would give them no other
 “ Answer. So they all concluded that
 O O “ I knew

“ I knew great Matters, and repor-
 “ ted this specially to the House. Upon
 “ that I was sent for, and brought be-
 “ fore the House. I stood upon it as
 “ I had done at the Committee, that I
 “ was not bound to answer; that no-
 “ thing had pass’d that was High-
 “ Treason; and as to all other Things
 “ I did not think my self bound to dis-
 “ cover them. I said farther, I knew
 “ Duke Lauderdale was apt to say
 “ Things in a Heat, which he did not
 “ intend to do; and since he had used
 “ my self so ill, I thought my self the
 “ more obliged not to say any thing
 “ that look’d like Revenge for what I
 “ had met with from him. I was
 “ brought four times to the Bar. At
 “ last I was told, the House thought
 “ that they had a Right to examine
 “ into every Thing that concerned the
 “ Safety of the Nation, as well as
 “ into Matters of Treason: And
 “ they look’d on me as bound to satisfy
 “ them: Otherwise they would make
 “ me

“ me feel the Weight of their heavy
 “ Displeasure, as one that conceal’d
 “ what they thought was necessary to be
 “ known. Upon this I yielded, and
 “ gave an Account of the Discourse
 “ formerly mention’d. They laid great
 “ Weight on this, and renewed their
 “ Address against Duke Lauderdale.

This is his Account of the Fact ;
 we will next see what he says in his
 own Defence. “ I was much blam’d
 “ for what I had done. Some to make
 “ it look the worse, added, that I had
 “ been his Chaplain, which was false ;
 “ and that I had been much obliged to
 “ him, tho’ I had never receiv’d any
 “ real Obligation from him, but had
 “ done him great Services, for which
 “ I had been very unworthily requited.
 “ Yet the Thing had an ill Appear-
 “ ance, as disclosing what had pass’d
 “ in Confidence ; tho’ I made it a very
 “ great Question how far even that
 “ ought to bind a Man, when the
 “ Designs are very wicked, and the

“ Person continued still in the same
 “ Post and Capacity of executing them,
 “ I have told the Matter as it was,
 “ and must leave my self to the Censure
 “ of the Reader. My Love to my
 “ Country, and private Friendships
 “ carried me perhaps too far; especi-
 “ ally since I had declar’d against
 “ Clergy-Men’s meddling in secular Af-
 “ fairs, and yet had run my self so
 “ deep in them.” This is all he can
 say for himself; but before we exa-
 mine his Defence of the Fact, we
 must take notice how grossly he con-
 tradicts himself. Some few Pages
 before he told us how well he was
 treated by Duke *Lauderdale*; and that
 he offered him the first Arch-Bisho-
 prick that should fall; tho’ now he
 asserts that he had no Obligation to
 that great Minister. Whether he is
 just in this Assertion or no, let all
 the Clergy in *England* judge. For
 a private Man, who had at this time
 no great Preferment, if any, to be
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not only offer'd, but press'd to accept the most eminent Station and Dignity in the Church, would have been thought a very great Obligation by any Man, except Doctor *Burnet*.

As the Reputation of the Author will intirely stand or fall by a just and fair Decision of this Matter, I shall be very tender of doing him wrong, for which Reason I have given the Reader his whole Defence. Before we can be competent Judges of this Case, it will be necessary to enquire into the Circumstances of Time, as well as the Motives of the Information. It is certain in all Conspiracies against a Government, if there is a form'd Design, ready to be put in Execution immediately; if the Dagger is at the Throat of the Prince, or Magistrate, and nothing can prevent the Blow, but a timely Discovery; in such an Exigency all Considerations must vanish; Wife and Children, Friends, all Obligations tho' never so

to strong, must be sacrific'd to the publick Safety. But this was not the Author's Case; some of the Words were spoken in Passion, by his own Acknowledgement, without the Appearance of any Design; and all was past two Years before the Discovery. In the Case of Words, the Wisdom of our Laws has allotted a certain Number of Days for Information; — after which, any Accusation shall be deem'd malicious, and judg'd to proceed from some intervening Resentment: But here had been a long Interval of Time, during which the Author had maintain'd the same Habit of Life in Regard to Duke *Lauderdale*, with the same Professions of Service and Friendship; nor was this all, he dedicated a Book to him entitl'd, *A Vindication of the Laws, &c.* In this Dedication the Flattery is daub'd so thick as to turn the Reader's Stomach: He tells his Patron; "*How worthily he bore that great*
Character,

“ Character, ——— praises him for
 “ the long and uninterrupted Tranquil-
 “ lity that Kingdom had enjoy’d un-
 “ der his wise and happy Conduct, —
 “ he acknowledges, the particular En-
 “ gagements by which he was obliged to
 “ him; that it was not fit for him to
 “ express the Sense of them, for fear
 “ he should seem to flatter him. At last
 “ he tells the Duke, that from him
 “ alone they expected a happy Settle-
 “ ment.” All this to a Man, in
 whom he had discover’d so nefarious
 a Design as the Enslaving and De-
 struction of his Country, which is
 one Kind of Parricide. Conscious
 of all this, when he design’d to turn
 Informer, he rightly judg’d, that it
 would discredit his Evidence, to have
 all these authentick Proofs of his In-
 sincerity brought against him; upon
 which, he resolv’d to stifle this Dedi-
 cation if possibly he could; being
 justly asham’d, that the World should
 see what Incense he had offer’d to
 that

that very Man whom now he was going to sacrifice. The learned Doctor *Hicks*, who liv'd at this Time, and was an Eye Witness of these Transactions, has given many Years ago an Account of this Management, the Knowledge of which will instruct the Reader. “ Not long after printing
 “ *this Book at Glascow, he brought*
 “ *a great Part of the Impression to*
 “ *London, where he sold it to Mr.*
 “ *Moses Pitt; and not long after he*
 “ *came to him, to desire him with great*
 “ *Earnestness to sell the Copies of it*
 “ *without the Dedication; for by this*
 “ *time the Duke had fallen out with*
 “ *him, and discarded him, for some*
 “ *Arts and Qualities he had observ'd*
 “ *in him, which I need not name.*
 “ *Mr. Pitt gave him very good Rea-*
 “ *sons, why he ought not to do so; and*
 “ *particularly told him, he could not*
 “ *honestly sell an imperfect for a per-*
 “ *fect Copy. Upon which he was*
 “ *angry, and threaten'd him with the*
 “ *Loss*

“ Loss of all the Favours he intended
 “ to do him in his Trade, This Mr.
 “ Pitt can testify, if he is living; if
 “ not, it can be attested by an honour-
 “ able Person, who heard him solicit
 “ Mr. Pitt to this base and unworthy
 “ Practice. But tho’ Mr. Pitt would
 “ not consent to ‘sell the Books without
 “ the Dedication, yet he was content
 “ to let him have them again; and
 “ so they came abroad without it; and
 “ so hard it was, ’till it was private-
 “ ly reprinted, to get on: single Copy
 “ with it, that I profess I could never
 “ get such a one, ’till a Gentleman
 “ presented me with one out of his pri-
 “ vate Study: And when he had delated
 “ his Patron to the House of Commons,
 “ Sir A. Forrester, his Grace’s Secre-
 “ tary, told me, that after the utmost
 “ Diligence he could get but one single
 “ Copy with the Dedication, tho’ he
 “ would have purchas’d more at any
 “ rate, to have shewn the Gentlemen
 “ of the honourable House what Kind

“ of Man the Evidence was, that
 “ would publish such things in com-
 “ mendation of the Duke, after he
 “ knew, as he pretended, that he had
 “ a Design of bringing an Army out
 “ of Scotland, for the spoiling and
 “ subduing of England. The Disco-
 “ very of this Dedication, and his sup-
 “ pressing it, coming to be known, made
 “ the House curious to see it; and he
 “ foreseeing what Use would be made
 “ of it against him, was willing to de-
 “ cline this noble Undertaking; but
 “ the House, by the Interest of the
 “ Duke’s Friends, who increas’d on
 “ this Discovery, made him testify
 “ what he since says created Horror
 “ in him; and how much Reputation
 “ he got by it I need not tell the
 “ World.” This is the just and true
 Account of his Conduct, for which,
 all Circumstances consider’d, no man-
 ner of Excuse can be made. The
 first Part of his Evidence related to
 Conversation at the Duke’s Table:
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This was a Breach of Hospitality, whose Laws being reciprocal, may be violated by the Guest, as well as the Master of the House. The same Word *Hospes* in *Latin* signifies both the Guest and the Landlord. The other Part being what had pass'd in a Cabinet, and under a stronger Seal than that of Confession, was certainly the highest Breach of Trust, mutual Confidence, and every thing that is sacred between Man and Man. After this, next to acting the Part itself, a Man of Honour should have been very tender of keeping the Actor company. The Pretence, that he was forc'd by the Parliament, will bear no manner of Weight; if he had not given the Intimation, the House would never have known that he had any thing to say against Duke *Lauderdale*. In short, the first Discovery of the Secret was the Crime, and made the Delator responsible for every Consequence.

By p. 382, we may guess at his Principles, and plainly see what a fine Churchman we had in Dr. *Burnet*. Speaking of Sir *Harbottle Grimstone's* second Lady, he gives her this Character: “ *She had all the high*
 “ *Notions for the Church and the*
 “ *Crown, in which she had been bred ;*
 “ *but was the humblest, devoutest, and*
 “ *best temper'd Person I ever knew of*
 “ *that Sort.*” Here he makes it a kind of Miracle, for a Woman well principl'd to the Crown and the Church, to have Humility, Devotion, or any good Temper. The Tory Ladies, who are infinitely the greater Part of the Nation, and not more considerable for their Numbers than Beauty, are very much oblig'd to the good Bishop ; but perhaps he met with some Repulses from one Sort, and found the other more kind and better temper'd.

P. 389, “ *For as our main Busi-*
 “ *ness lay in preparing for, or mana-*
 “ *ging*

“*ging a Session of Parliament.*” Who would not suppose, when he reads this Sentence, that some Minister of State, or at least a great leading Man in the House of Commons, was talking at this Rate? But when he is told, first, that the Person was not an *Englishman*, and no more than the Chaplain to the Master of the Rolles, what a Contempt must he have of the little Insect? In this he contradicts what he told us a few Pages before, that upon his Disgrace on Account of Duke *Lauderdale’s* Affair, he retreated to his Post at the *Rolles*, where he apply’d himself to his Function and Studies, with which publick Affairs and Intrigues of State are very incompatible.

P. 392, After giving a tolerable Character of Dr. *Compton*, he concludes with his old Reserve: “*But*
 “*with these good Qualities Compton*
 “*was a weak Man, willful, and*
 “*strangely wedded to a Party.*” If
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the Reader should not readily apprehend what Party he means, it was the Church of *England*, to whom he never forgot his near Relation. It is strange, that a Bishop of *London* should be so unlike a Bishop of *Salisbury*.

The Author's Character of Archbishop *Sancroft*, in the same Page, is not unworthy of Observation. " *Sancroft Dean of Paul's, was rais'd to*
 " *it. He was a Man of solemn De-*
 " *portment, had a sullen Gravity in*
 " *his Looks, and was considerably*
 " *learned. He put on a monastick*
 " *Strictness, and liv'd abstracted from*
 " *Company. These Things, together*
 " *with his living unmarried, and his*
 " *being fixt in the old Maxims of*
 " *high Loyalty, and a superstitious va-*
 " *luing of little things, made the*
 " *Court conclude, that he was a Man*
 " *that might be entirely gain'd to serve*
 " *all their Ends; or, at least, that*
 " *he would be an unactive speculative*
 " *Man,*

“ *Man, and give them little Opposi-*
 “ *tion in any thing that they might*
 “ *attempt, when they had more promi-*
 “ *sing Opportunities. He was a dry*
 “ *cold Man, reserv'd and peevish; so*
 “ *that none lov'd him, and few es-*
 “ *teem'd him; yet the High-Church*
 “ *Party was well pleas'd with his Pro-*
 “ *motion.*” He can mean nothing by
 all this Jargon, *Ends, Attempts, Op-*
portunities, little Opposition, &c. but
 his old Bugbear, Popery and arbitra-
 ry Power; and can pitch on no one
 more likely to introduce them, than
 the Man who sacrific'd his All to
 his Conscience. Such is the Cha-
 racter he gives of this great and
 good Man, for whom the whole Na-
 tion had once so profound a Respect
 and Reverence. As there Is more
 meant and design'd in this Paragraph
 than the Words express, a short Com-
 ment will not be improper. When
 he gives him Gravity, he thinks fit to
 allay the Compliment with the Epi-
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thet Sullen ; awful Gravity would have founded as well, but that would have imprinted too much Respect for so high a Churchman ; his monastick Strictness, and living without a Wife, seems a little out of the way, when he might have had three, if he could have kill'd them one after another with Kindness ; but his greatest Fault was *his superstitious valuing* of little Things. These little Things were not only the Surplice and Cross in Baptism ; but the Discipline, Ceremonies, Liturgy, Creeds, and all those Trifles. But the least thing of all, about which he was always so very peevish, was the Pale of the Church, which he would not break down to let in the Beasts of the Common.

P. 393. “ *As Lord Danby thus*
 “ *rais'd his Creatures in the Church,*
 “ *so he got all Men turn'd out of his*
 “ *Places that did not entirely depend*
 “ *on him ; and went on in his Credit*
 “ *with the King, still assuring him that*
 “ *if*

“ if he would leave things to his Con-
 “ duct, he wou’d certainly bring about
 “ the whole Cavalier Party to him;
 “ and such was the Corruption and
 “ Poverty of that Party, that had it
 “ not been that French and Popish
 “ Councils, were so visible in the whole
 “ course of our Affairs, he had very
 “ probably gain’d them to have raised
 “ the Kings Power, and to have ex-
 “ tirpated the Dissenters; and to have
 “ brought things very near to the state
 “ they were in, in King Charles the
 “ first’s time before the War.” If we

can believe the unanimous Accounts
 of all Historians, there never was a
 greater Calm, nor a more visible
 Face of Prosperity, Plenty, Trade,
 and Riches in *England*, than just be-
 fore the Parliament sat in 40, after
 which immediately the Troubles be-
 gan, those fatal Seditions, rais’d by
 the restless Spirits of the Puritans,
 with a design to pull down the
 Throne and the Church, in which
 Q q they

they succeeded at last. As he stigmatizes the only happy Days of this Reign, it is to be presum'd, that he was better pleas'd with the Scene, that follow'd, when the Crown and the Mitre lay both in the Dust.

P. 398. *“ Upon this Occasion, the
 “ Earl of Essex told me, that he knew
 “ the King did often take Money into
 “ his Privy Purse, to defraud his Ex-
 “ chequer; for he reckoned that what
 “ was carried thither, was not so
 “ much his own as his Privy Purse
 “ was. And Coventry told Lord
 “ Essex, that once there was a Plan-
 “ tation Cause at the Council Board;
 “ and he was troubled to see the King
 “ espouse the worst side; and upon
 “ that he went to him, and told him se-
 “ cretly, that it was a vile Cause
 “ which he was supporting, the King
 “ answer'd, that he had got good Mo-
 “ ney for doing it.”* Here is a second
 hand hearsay; Coventry told Lord
Essex, so that we have it at the third
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rebound from the Author; upon no better Grounds, he makes no scruple to vilify the Memory of this Prince, by so scandalous a Reflection on his Honour; but it is so unlikely a Story, that none but the prejudic'd will believe him. In the first place, King *Charles* was no Fool, and if we cou'd conceive that a great Prince cou'd be capable of so mean and base an Action, it is almost incredible, that he shou'd have no more Sense or Shame, but to tell it himself; as we cannot appeal to the Dead for the truth of this Matter, we have only to consider in this Case, whether the Improbability of the Fact it self, or the Credit of the Person, who tells it be greater.

P. 413. He mentions the famous Affair of *Mitchel* the Assassin; upon this Subject, he spends three or four Pages, which wou'd be too long to transcribe: I need only tell the Reader, that with a most inveterate Ma-

lice he charges Duke *Lauderdale*, my Lord *Rothes*, and the Ministry with wilful Perjury, and makes the Privy Council of *Scotland* the greatest of Villains, in promising a Man a Pardon, and then denying that Promise on Oath. All that he has say'd in this Matter, was disprov'd at the Time, by many Answers written to confute these Calumnies, especially by Dr. *Hickes*, who was then Chaplain to Duke *Lauderdale*, to whose Treatise I refer the Reader, whom I will trouble with no other Justification, but that of Sir *George Mackenzey*, who was then in Employment upon the Spot, and a Witness of this Transaction. As this great Man has the advantage in the Reputation of his Probity, as well as of being superior in Genius and Capacity to Dr. *Burnet*, he will be always believ'd before him. *Makenzie's Vindication*, P. 19. " It
 " is clamour'd that Mitchel the Assas-
 " sin was executed after he had confess'd

“ fess’d the Crime, upon promise of Life,
 “ to which it is answer’d, that Mitchel
 “ having upon the high Street of Eden-
 “ burgh shot at the Archbishop of St.
 “ Andrews, with a design to murder
 “ him, he wounded the Bishop of Ork-
 “ ney with that Shot, of which he
 “ never recover’d; and being there
 “ after apprehended, he confest the
 “ Crime, but continu’d still to glory in
 “ it, and very famous Witnesses ha-
 “ ving depos’d, that Mitchel was up-
 “ on a new Plot to kill the same
 “ Archbishop, Mitchel was brought to
 “ a Tryal; and his Defences were,
 “ that the Earl of Rothes, to whom
 “ he had confest it, had promis’d to
 “ save his Life, and that the Privy
 “ Council afterwards had promis’d the
 “ same. For clearing whereof the
 “ said Earl, and all who were upon
 “ the Committee, together with all
 “ such Members of Council as he de-
 “ sir’d shou’d be cited, were fully ex-
 “ amin’d upon all his Interrogatories,
 “ and

“ and the Registers of Council were
 “ produc’d ; but not the least Mark of
 “ any promise was made to appear by
 “ either. So that nothing remain’d,
 “ but that the Lord High Chancellour,
 “ and Lords of the Privy Council, as
 “ they alledg’d, perjur’d themselves ;
 “ and that the Registers of Council
 “ were vitiated. And how it is pos-
 “ sible to imagine, that all this Villany
 “ was committed to take so inconsidera-
 “ ble a Fellow’s Life, I leave the World
 “ to judge.” Sir George Mackenzy
 justly observes the Incredibility of
 this Story, from the Smallness of the
 Temptation, to commit such a Vil-
 lany, as well as from the Reputation,
 and distinguish’d Characters of the
 Men. As if it were not more pro-
 bable, that such a Miscreant, who
 had been capable of so nefarious an
 Attempt on the life of an Archbishop,
 shou’d not sooner tell a Lie to save
 himself, than that an Archbishop, a
 Lord Chancellour, together with a
 Privy

Privy Council, and their Clerks, shou'd all conspire to sink and falsify Records, and then perjure themselves to take a Life of so little Consequence away.

P. 416. “*Then said Duke Lauderdale, in an impious Jest, let Mitchel glorify God in the Grass Market.*” Here he has not the Ingenuity to tell his Reader the Ground and Reason of this Expression, without which, this saying wou'd have been as silly, as profane. Upon *Mitchel's* Examination, being ask'd what induc'd him to make so wicked an Attempt upon the Person of the Archbishop, he reply'd, that he did it for the Glory of the Lord; for this Reason, afterward, when it was resolv'd to hang him, the Duke humorously said, “*let Mitchel glorify God in the Grass Market.*” By this trifling Reflection, with a design to make Duke *Lauderdale* both brutal and profane, he shews the Nature of

of the Man, the meaness of his Malice and thirst of Revenge are as conspicuous in this little slander, as in his more important and enormous Scandals.

P. ibid. “ Yet Duke Lauderdale
 “ had a Chaplain, Hickes afterward
 “ Dean of Worcester, who publish’d a
 “ false and partial Relation of this
 “ Matter, in order to the justifying of
 “ it.” It is no Wonder that he has a
 fling at Dr. Hickes, who has so much
 oblig’d the Publick in detecting the
 Prevarications, Insincerity, and shame-
 ful Practices of this Author on seve-
 ral Occasions. Whoever is acquaint-
 ed with the true Character of that
 learned, great, and good Man, knows
 that he was as incapable on any con-
 sideration, of asserting a Falshood, as
 the Man who reviles him of speaking
 Truth, whenever he is hurried by his
 prædominant Passion to gratify his
 Revenge at the Expence of his Inte-
 grity.

P. ibid.

P. ibid. “What Sharp did now to
 “preserve himself from such Practices,
 “was probably that which both in the
 “just Judgment of God, and the en-
 “flam’d Fury of wicked Men, brought
 “him two Years after to such a dismal
 “End.” Here with a Rashness equal
 to his Want of Charity, he impiously
 enters into the Secrets of Providence,
 and makes the Judgments of God
 attend on his Resentments. So great
 a Divine shou’d have consider’d, that
 Afflictions, Persecution, and often
 Death by the Hands of the Unrigh-
 teous, are the Portion of the Just in
 this World: If there was a constant
 Retribution of Good and Evil, if
 wicked Men were always punish’d in
 this Life; it wou’d be better for
 some who have peaceably dy’d in
 their Beds; they might then have
 been Objects of human Justice; here
 below have expiated their Crimes,
 perhaps in the Boots of Scotland,
 and not have been wholly reserv’d
 for a more dreadful Tribunal.

P. 444. After having given an Account of the Popish Plot, which is not the most partial Part of his Book, he seems to deride the most plausible Part of the Story, and supports the greatest Absurdities. In this Account, he gives up *Oates* and *Bedlow* for most abandon'd Rogues; but at the same time, is more favourable to *Dugdale*, whose Character he supports, tho' he was a very vicious and immoral Man. P. 444. " *This be-*

" *gan to shake the Credit of the Evi-*
 " *dence, when a more composed credi-*
 " *ble Person came in to support it; one*
 " *Dugdale, that had been Lord Aston's*
 " *Baylif, and liv'd in a fair Reputa-*
 " *tion in the Country, was put in Pri-*
 " *son for refusing the Oaths of Alle-*
 " *giance and Supremacy. He did then*
 " *with many Imprecations deny that he*
 " *knew of any Plot.*" We will see
 what Mr. *Eachard* says of this good
 Man in my Lord *Stafford's* Tryal.
Eachard, p. 996. " *Against Dug-*
 " *dale*

“ dale he produc’d Evidence, that he
 “ was a Person of infamous Life ;
 “ that he had cheated the Lord Aston
 “ his Master, and defrauded Work-
 “ men and Servants of their Wages :
 “ That by his Extravagancies and
 “ Misdemeanours, he had run himself
 “ into several hundred Pounds Debt,
 “ for which he was thrown into Jail,
 “ and despair’d of ever getting out,
 “ but by making pretended Discoveries.
 “ In the next Place, that he had di-
 “ rectly perjur’d himself in divers
 “ Parts and Circumstances ; as to
 “ Time and Place, in this, and other
 “ Depositions. And further, he prov’d,
 “ that he had endeavour’d to suborn
 “ divers Persons to make false Oaths,
 “ and so to strengthen his own, by
 “ other Men’s Perjuries.” This en-
 tirely destroys the Character of Dug-
 dale, as to his being a credible Per-
 son, and a Man of Reputation in the
 Country where he liv’d ; but if this
 is not sufficient, the Author himself,

by and by, shall do Mr. *Dugdale's* Business. When this Evidence afterward tack'd about, and swore against the other side in the Tryal of *College*, this very Writer makes him as great a Rogue, as an honest Man before. It is Pity the Doctor had not sometimes more Memory, and always less Partiality. But a Metaphysical distinction of 41 will easily solve this Matter, by dividing the Person into two Capacities; the honest Man swore against the Papists, and the Rogue against the Protestant Joyner, which very much alter'd the Case.

P. 447. “ Berry declar'd himself
 “ a Protestant, and that tho' he had
 “ chang'd his Religion for fear of
 “ losing his place, yet he had still con-
 “ tinued to be one in his Heart. He
 “ said he look'd on what had befallen
 “ him, as a just Judgment of God
 “ for that Dissimulation: He deny'd
 “ the whole Matter charg'd on him:
 “ He

“ He seem’d to prepare himself serious-
 “ ly for Death ; and to the last Minute
 “ he affirm’d that he was altogether
 “ innocent. Dr. Lloyd attended him,
 “ and was much perswaded of his Sin-
 “ cerity. Prance swore nothing against
 “ him, but that he assisted in the Fact,
 “ and in carrying about the dead Body.
 “ So Lloyd reckon’d that those things
 “ being done in the Night, Prance
 “ might have mistaken him for some
 “ other Person, who might be like
 “ him, considering the Confusion that
 “ so much Guilt might have put him
 “ in. He therefore believ’d that
 “ Prance had sworn rashly with rela-
 “ tion to him, &c.” The Author for-
 got to put on his considering Cap
 when he averr’d, that “ Prance swore
 “ nothing against him, but that he
 “ assisted in the Fact, and in carrying
 “ about the dead Body.” What possi-
 bly cou’d the most guilty do more ?
 By assisting in the Fact, he was a
 Principal in the Murder, as well as
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an Accessary in aiding to dispose of the Body ; tho' the Law makes no distinction in this Case. Afterwards speaking of Dr. *Lloyd*, the Author asserts, "*that he did nothing in it, but what became his Profession.*" The Doctor certainly was under some Absence of Mind when he told this Story of his Friend Dr. *Lloyd*, and did not consider how much he wou'd affect his Reputation by one Confession that he has made in this Account. *Berry* passionately desir'd to receive the Sacrament before he dy'd, this was refus'd by Dr. *Lloyd*, who upon repeated denyals, was cited by the poor Man in the Agony of his Soul, to answer it at the Day of Judgment. The only pretence that cou'd be given for this Inhumanity, was, that the Doctor being firmly convinc'd of his Guilt, wou'd not let him Shipwreck his Soul, by denying his Crime with so much Solemnity. But Dr. *Burnet* intirely destroys this

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Excuse, by asserting that his Friend was perswaded of his Penitent's Innocence. If so, nothing can excuse a Parochial Priest in not knowing his Duty better, than to deny to a dying Man in a State of Repentance for all his Sins, the Comfort of the blessed Sacrament. This wou'd induce a Man to believe that another Reason, which was given at the Time for this Refusal, was the true one *viz.* That the Doctor thought it might a little impair the Credit of the Plot, to have a dying Protestant on the Sacrament assert his Innocence. If Dr. *Burnet* had told this Story, he cou'd not have affirm'd that his Friend had behav'd as became his Profession. But in this Case, he exceeded his own Maxim in his Book on *Varillas*, which was to touch gently the failings of his Friends ; but here, to use his own Words, "*the Biass was so strong,*" he has thought fit not to mention them at all ; tho' he cou'd not

not possibly forget this Part of the Story, which made so much Noise at the Time, and gave so great a Scandal, the refusing to a dying Man, from whom was going to be taken away all that was dearest in this World, the only comfortable Viaticum in his Journey to the next.

P. 470. "When a Party of furious Men were riding thro' a Moor, near St. Andrews, they saw the Archbishop's Coach appear: He was coming from a Council Day, and was driving home: He had sent some of his Servants home before him, to let them know he was coming, and others he had sent off on Compliments; so that there was no Horsemen about the Coach. They seeing this, concluded according to their frantick enthusiastick Notions, that God had now deliver'd up their greatest Enemy into their Hands: Seven of them made up to the Coach, while the rest were as Scouts riding

“ riding all about the Moor. One of
 “ them fir’d a Pistol at him, which
 “ burnt his Coat and Gown, but did
 “ not go into his Body: Upon this,
 “ they fancied that he had a Magical
 “ Secret to secure him against a Shot;
 “ and they drew him out of his Coach,
 “ and murder’d him barbarously, re-
 “ peating their Stroaks till they were
 “ sure he was quite dead; and so they
 “ got clear off, no Body happening to
 “ go cross the Moor all the While.
 “ This was the dismal End of that un-
 “ happy Man: It struck all People
 “ with Horror, and softn’d his Enemies
 “ into some Tenderness; so that his
 “ Memory was treated with Decency
 “ by those who had very little Respect
 “ for him during Life.”

This is the taint Account that he
 gives of one of the most atrocious
 and nefarious Actions that ever was
 perpetrated by the most wicked of
 Men. In this Relation he has dis-
 guis’d and falsify’d some of the Cir-

cumstances, and conceal'd others very material, for fear his Reader shou'd be touch'd any more than himself; not daring plainly to excuse so execrable a Murder, he wou'd palliate and lessen the Horror of the Fact as much as he cou'd, by endeavouring to make it appear an accidental Rencontre with the Archbishop, and not a premeditated Design of the Ruffians, which is contray to Truth; in order to impose this Notion on the Reader, he asserts a positive Falsehood, that there were none of the Servants about the Coach; this Circumstance he believ'd wou'd make it look more casual, as if they had lay'd hold on so fair an Opportunity of the Archbishop's being defenceless. But the printed Accounts publish'd at this time by Authority, assure us, that they had dog'd him the Day before, and enquir'd after him in the Village, where he lodg'd that Night; all this he industriously conceals, as
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well as some Circumstances of the Fact, for fear he shou'd raise too much Pity for the Murder'd, and too much Horror for the Murderers, whom neither the Grey Hairs of a venerable old Man, the Tears and Cryes of an innocent suppliant Virgin, wounded on her Knees in interceeding for her Father, nor the Charity of the Martyr in praying for his Murderers, cou'd touch with the least Remorse. Pity and Horror were the Passions to be rais'd on this Occasion ; these are the Colours in which a good and honest Historian ought to have Painted this execrable Scene of Violence : As it is his Duty to inform and instruct his Reader, to let him know what to shun, and what to imitate, to inflame him with a Love of Virtue, and arm him with a Detestation of Vice ; whenever he fails in this Part of his Duty, by any manner of Disguise in the Fact, when he mentions any flagitious Action

without setting it forth in it's truest Light; he quits his censorial Dignity, and grows accessory to that Guilt, which he has not the Justice severely to condemn. When the Author says, "*that his Memory when dead, was treated with Decency, by those who had very little Respect for him alive.*" He must certainly except himself, who has neither treated him living nor dead with Decency, nor common Humanity. There is one Remark to be made, which must certainly make the Reader smile; this is the first Time that he has given Dr. *Sharp* the Title of Archbishop, if I am not very much mistaken thro' the whole Book. But this Generosity cou'd not last long, he returns soon to his Vomit; and as his Malice cou'd not be quench'd by the Death of this Martyr'd Prelate, he pursues him to the Grave, and takes his Leave of this injur'd Man with a general Reflection on his Character.

P. 471. " *A Week after there*
 " *was a great Field Conventicle held*
 " *within ten Miles of Glasgow; a Body*
 " *of the Guards engag'd with them,*
 " *and they made such vigorous Resis-*
 " *tance, that the Guards having lost*
 " *thirty of their Number, were forc'd*
 " *to run for it. So the Conventicle*
 " *form'd its self into a Body, and*
 " *march'd to Glasgow. The Person*
 " *that led them, had been bred by me,*
 " *being a younger Son of Sir Thomas*
 " *Hamilton, who had married my*
 " *Sister, but by a former Wife.—*
 " *Duke Lauderdale and his Party,*
 " *Publist'd every where, that this Re-*
 " *bellion was headed by a Nephew of*
 " *mine, whom I had prepar'd for such*
 " *a Work, when he was in my Hands."*
 Here was a fair Opportunity for the
 Doctor to have vindicated himself
 from this Slander of his Enemies, by
 only saying that he had given him
 better Instructions. But since Silence
 is always adjudg'd to give Consent,
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we must join in Opinion with Duke *Lauderdale*, that the Pupil was not unworthy the Tutor. Here in Justice we ought to take Notice of the Author's Ingenuity, in not justifying himself at the Expence of his Veracity: But the Merit of this Sincerity is destroy'd by his having so much a better Opinion of the Treason, and by thinking it a greater Honour to be guilty, than innocent.

In his Account of the Rebellion at this Time, Dr. *Burnet* with his usual Candour, will allow no Crime to be committed by his Friends, but by Chance without any Design. This is the Turn which he gives to the present Insurrection; tho' he allows their Numbers to amount to 4000 Combatants, which well consider'd, must require some Time and Preparation to get together so many Men and Arms, in a Corner of a Country no better Peopl'd than *Scotland*. But we will at this Time of
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Day allow the Author to misrepresent what he pleases, to impose on his Readers by the falsest Turns that he can give to Men and Things; if he wou'd so far stick to Truth, as not to invent out of his own Brain, whatever had existed any where else. Of this Nature is the Story of King Charles, and the Duke of York; as if they shou'd repine, that these Wretches were not all put to the Sword by Monmouth, of which Matter he says thus. P. 473. "The Duke of
 " Monmouth stopt the Execution that
 " his Men were making, as soon as he
 " cou'd, and saved the Prisoners; for
 " some mov'd, that they shou'd all be
 " kill'd on the Spot. Yet this was
 " afterward objected to him, as a Neg-
 " lect of the King's Service, and a
 " Courting the People: The Duke of
 " York talk'd of it in the same Strain,
 " and the King himself said to him,
 " that if he had been there, they shou'd
 " not have had the trouble of Prisoners."

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This is so very unlike the Nature and the Character of the two Brothers, that this Story must come from much better Authority to be believ'd. It is strange that the Sword of War shou'd be so very sharp, and that of Justice so blunt in the same Hands; if these Princes were so sanguinary and cruel in their Tempers, why did they not gratify their Thirst of Blood upon that Part of these Miscreants who fell into their Hands? He owns himself that 1200 were taken Prisoners, out of which Number, but two of the leading incendiary Preachers were hang'd, with some few others, who by the Mercy of the Duke, with the Ropes about their Necks, had Offers of Pardon, on Condition they wou'd pray for the King, which they absolutely refus'd, when the Wretches might have sav'd Body and Soul at no other expence, but embracing Christianity.

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As the Author is pleas'd to exculpate these Fanaticks as much as he can, by laying the blame on the Tyranny of Duke *Lauderdale*, which as he insinuates, drove them to Despair, we will shew what Sort of Men these were, in whose Actions and Principles the Quintessence of *Scotch Presbytery* at this time may be seen. This Extravagance exceeded our fifth Monarchy Men, and must divert the Reader. It is a kind of Declaration, drawn by some of these *Entbusiasts* when they were Prisoners at *Edenburgh*, and runs thus. “ *We Underscribers,*
 “ *now Prisoners for the Truth in the*
 “ *Cannon-gate Tolbooth, tho' vile,*
 “ *yet it pleas'd the Holy Ghost to*
 “ *work on our Spirits,---Yesterday be-*
 “ *ing the 26th Day of the fifth Month,*
 “ *it seem'd good to the Holy Ghost,*
 “ *and to us, to take out of our Bibles*
 “ *the Psalms in Metre, for several*
 “ *Causes mention'd afterward; for*
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“ the Revelations say, that if any
 “ Man shall add unto these Things,
 “ God shall add unto him the Plagues
 “ that are mention’d in this Book, and
 “ we did burn them in our Prison-
 “ house, and sweep away the Ashes;
 “ likewise in the holy Scriptures we re-
 “ nounce Chapters, and Verses, and
 “ Contents, because it is only done by
 “ human Wisdom, and the changing of
 “ the Books after the Holy Ghost had
 “ placed them. We being press’d to
 “ this Work by the Holy Ghost, do re-
 “ nounce the Impression and Transla-
 “ tion of the Old and New Testament,
 “ and that for Additions put unto
 “ them by Men. We renounce and
 “ decline all Authority throughout the
 “ World, and all that are in Autho-
 “ rity, and all their Acts and Edicts,
 “ from the Tyrant Charles Stuart to
 “ the lowest Tyrant, and burn them.
 “ — We renounce the Names of
 “ Months, as January, February,
 “ March,

“ March, &c. *As also* Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, &c.

Sign'd

*Walter Ker,
John Gibb,
David Jamison,
John Young.*

This is exactly compar'd and collated with the principal Copy, by me *William Paterson,*
Cl. Sti. Concilii.

It is the less Wonder, that our Author shou'd have some Kindness for this Sort of Men, if it be true what has been credibly reported, that he himself in some parts of his Life was by Fitts touch'd with this Sort of Enthusiasm, so far as to be a little on the Visionary, in Imitation of his Friend Dr. *Leighton*; so that it wou'd not seem strange, if during these lucid Intervals of Inspiration, while he labour'd under so vast an Infusion of

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Spirit,

Spirit, he shou'd at those Times have join'd in Communion with these Holy Men.

P. 480. " The Person to whom
 " the present Mayor had drunk was
 " set aside, and Bethel and Cornish
 " were chosen Sheriffs for the ensuing
 " Year. Bethel was a Man of Know-
 " ledge, and had writ a very judicious
 " Book of the Interest of Princes: But
 " as he was a known Republican in
 " Principle, so he was a sullen and a
 " wilful Man; and turn'd from the
 " ordinary way of a Sheriff's living,
 " into the extream of Sordidness, which
 " was very unacceptable to the Body of
 " the Citizens, and prov'd a very
 " great Prejudice to the Party. Cor-
 " nish the other Sheriff, was a plain,
 " warm, honest Man, and liv'd very
 " nobly all this Year. The Court was
 " very jealous of this, and understood
 " it to be done on design to pack Ju-
 " ries: So that the Party might be
 " always safe, whatever they might
 " en-

“engage in. It was said that the
 “King wou’d not have common Jus-
 “tice done him hereafter against any
 “of them, how guilty soever. The
 “setting up Bethel gave a great Co-
 “lour to this Jealousie; for it was
 “said, that he had expressed his ap-
 “proving the late King’s Death in
 “very indecent Terms. These two
 “Persons had never before receiv’d
 “the Sacrament in the Church, being
 “Independents; but they did it now to
 “qualify themselves for this Office,
 “which gave great Advantages a-
 “gainst the whole Party: It was
 “said, that the serving an End was
 “a good Resolver of all Cases of Con-
 “science, and purg’d all Scruples.”
 This is the Author’s Character of
 these two Men, and I believe it is
 very Just and Impartial. The Use
 that I shall make of this ingenuous
 Description of these two Sheriffs, is
 to shew how unguarded and incon-
 sistent he is; after insinuating that
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they were put into this Office on purpose to make what Juries they pleas'd, and after his own suspicious Character of them, he most strenuously supports all their Violences, and scandalous Management in packing their Ignoramus Juries. Two Independent Magistrates were like to make fine Work in a Government confin'd to a Church of *England* Administration. As we shall have somewhat to do with these Gentlemen by and by, that the Reader may have a better View of them, we shall tell him a very short Story. When my Lord *Stafford* went to Execution, some of the deluded Rabble on *Tower-hill* insulted him, upon which the Prisoner addrest himself to the Sheriffs, desiring them to appease the People, that he might dye in quiet; to this Request, Mr. Sheriff *Bethel* brutally reply'd, "*Sir we have Orders to stop no Body's Breath, but yours.*"

P. 499. “ So very suddenly and
 “ not very decently he came to the House
 “ of Lords, the Crown being carry’d be-
 “ tween his Feet in a Sedan.” This
 is smart again ; the Author has some-
 times a kind of Wit and Satyr in his
 Anger. But to shew the Reader how
 ridiculous this Story is ; the Robes
 were as necessary as the Crown at
 the King’s Appearance on the Throne ;
 and the Truth of the Matter is, the
 Crown was put into the Bag with the
 Robes, and sent privately before, to
 prevent any Inkling of the design’d
 Dissolution. The Author undoubt-
 edly hugg’d himself with this witty
 Story, which may serve for an Ap-
 pendix to his noble Tale of the
 Queen and the Cart.

P. *ibid*, “ So upon this I went
 “ into a closer Retirement, and to keep
 “ my Mind from running after News
 “ and Affairs, I set my self to the
 “ Study of Philosophy and Algebra.”
 It is hard that the Doctor’s own Pro-
 fession

fession cou'd not divert him from
 News and Politicks, if he had pious-
 ly discharg'd his Function, without
 being oblig'd to apply himself to
 Algebra. How his Head was turn'd
 to those abstruse and speculative Sci-
 ences we know not, but if he made
 no better Progress in them, than in
 his Divinity, I reflect not on his Ca-
 pacity or Knowledge, but Soundness
 of Doctrines, we may venture to say,
 that he was not so great a Mathema-
 tician as Sir *Isaac Newton*, no more
 than he was as good a Casuist as
 Dr. *Sanderson*. After this the Rea-
 der may expect to hear of some new
 Intrigues; it is remarkable, that this
 Author never retreats, but to fall
 again and do more Mischief; as if
 he only retir'd to give Breath to his
 Malice, and fasted a while, to return
 to his Prey with greater Appetite;
 like a certain deform'd Creature, who
 after he has spent his Stock on the
 most salutary Herbs in the Garden,
 re-

retreats into the Earth to gather fresh
Venom, and reinforce his Poyson.

P. 501. *“ And such of the Clergy
“ as wou’d not engage in that Fury,
“ were cried out upon as the Betrayers
“ of the Church, and as secret Fa-
“ vourers of the Dissenters. The
“ Truth is, the Number of these were
“ not great : One observ’d right, that
“ according to the Proverb in the
“ Gospel, where the Carcass is, there
“ the Eagles will be gather’d together.
“ The Scent of Preferment, will draw
“ aspiring Men after it.”* The Au-
thor before attack’d the dignify’d
Clergy, and now he falls upon the
whole Body, makes them the last of
Mankind, without Honour, Princi-
ple, or Conscience ; Men that wou’d
sacrifice every thing to Interest and
Preferment. The small Exception
that he makes renders his Charge
universal. Nothing can be so hard
as the Condition of the Clergy in
England ; they have always been the

Marks and Butts of that Part of the Layity, who were loose and libertine in their Principles; their Failings have always been look'd on thro' magnifying Glasses, and their Virtues unregarded; from these Men they have found no Quarter; but this unjust and cruel Treatment from one of their own Order, is the last Barbarity. The comparing his Brethren to Birds of Prey, gives a fine Idea of the Rapacity of the Clergy, and enables the Scornor to insult Religion, depreciates the very Character of the Priesthood, and prostitutes to the Ridicule of Buffoons and Atheists the Dignity of that Gown which he had the Honour to wear.

P. 504. *"I went no more to
 "Fitzharris: But Hawkins the Mi-
 "nister of the Tower took him into his
 "Management; and prevail'd with
 "him not only to deny all his former
 "Discovery, but to lay it on Clayton,
 "Treby, and the Sheriffs, as a Sub-
 "ornation*

“ornation of theirs ; tho’ it is evident,
 “that it was impossible to be true. Yet
 “at the same Time he writ Letters to
 “his Wife, who was not then admitted
 “to him, which I saw and read, in
 “which he told her, how he was prac-
 “tis’d upon with hopes of Life. He
 “charg’d her to swear falsely against
 “none : One of these was writ that very
 “Morning in which he suffer’d, and
 “yet before he was led out, he sign’d
 “a new Paper containing the former
 “Charge of Subornation, and put it
 “in Hawkins’s Hands, and at Tyburn
 “he referr’d all he had to say to that
 “Paper, which was immediately pub-
 “lish’d.” As this Affair made a very
 great Noise at the time, to come at
 the Truth, we must see what other
 Histories say on this Subject. Eachard
 p. 1004. “Being in this Place fet-
 “ter’d, moneyless, and friendless,
 “and his Wife and Family in a star-
 “ving Condition, he was strangely
 “tempted by several insinuating Ex-
 “amina-

“aminations, as we are inform’d, from
 “his dying Confession. Particularly
 “the two Sheriffs Bethel and Cornish
 “came to him with a Token from
 “Lord Howard, which he knew to be
 “true; and brought Heads from Eve-
 “rard accusing him of being an Emis-
 “sary, employ’d by the King to put
 “the Libels into Protestants Houses,
 “which he utterly deny’d. They told
 “him that he was to be try’d within
 “three or four Days, that the People
 “wou’d prosecute him, and the Par-
 “liament impeach him, and that no-
 “thing wou’d save his Life but disco-
 “vering the Popish Plot. And then
 “they encourag’d him from the Lord
 “Howard, that if he wou’d declare
 “that he believ’d so much of the Plot,
 “as amounted to the introducing the
 “King, or if he cou’d find out any that
 “wou’d charge the Queen, his Royal
 “Highness, or make so much as a
 “plausible Story to confirm the Plot,
 “the Parliament wou’d restore him to
 “his

“ his Father's Estate, with the Profits
 “ thereof since the Restoration. Find-
 “ ing himself in a miserable Condition,
 “ he soon began to shew a Compliance,
 “ and to hearken to the particular In-
 “ structions they brought, which they
 “ said came from forty Lords and
 “ Commons, who met that Day to ad-
 “ dress the King in his behalf; if he
 “ shou'd confirm their Instructions.”

Mr. Eachard proceeds in the Detail of
 this villainous Design of Suborna-
 tion, by which the Reader may see
 the fine Management of the two in-
 dependent Sheriffs. The only fair
 Way to proceed with a Person in such
 Circumstances, is to press and adjure
 him to speak the Truth, and nothing
 but the Truth, without any other In-
 struction; but to tell a Man with a
 Halter before his Eyes, that he shou'd
 be try'd in a few Days, and certainly
 be hang'd if he wou'd not do so and
 so; and then on the other Hand,
 tempt him with Rewards, was cer-
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rainly putting Words in his Mouth, and tampering in all Respects. If this was not an Attempt of Subornation, we must unlearn the *English* Tongue, and look for some other Signification of that Word.

As we are acquainted with what *Fitzharris* confest, there only remains to know if he persever'd in this Confession to the last. Let us see therefore how he behav'd himself at his Execution, of which the same Historian says. "*He referr'd what he had*
"further to declare to what he had
"left with Dr. Hawkins. The two
"Sheriffs not satisfy'd, urg'd him to
"speak more fully; and Mr. Bethel
"said, Mr. Fitzharris, you declar'd
"when you were in Newgate, that you
"knew more of the Popish Plot than
"any Man, you ought to declare what
"you know before you die.—He still
"referr'd to what he had left with Dr.
"Hawkins, which made them very
"earnest to know what it was, and
"where ;

“ where ; but the Doctor told them,
 “ that they were Papers which were
 “ not probably in his Power to produce ;
 “ and having Notice before of the de-
 “ sign of stifling the Confession, by his
 “ not owning it at his Death ; he de-
 “ sir’d the dying Man to declare,
 “ whether all that he had left with
 “ him were true. The Sheriffs seem’d
 “ much concern’d that he shou’d put
 “ this Question to him, and said, that
 “ he had nothing to do to put such
 “ Questions there, nor shou’d he. He
 “ quickly reply’d, shall I not bid the
 “ dying Man speak the Truth ? upon
 “ which Fitzharris turn’d to him, and
 “ said, Yes, it is true.” By these Ac-
 counts we may see how Dr. Burnet
 to fling his own and the Guilt of his
 Friends, on Dr. Hawkins and the
 Court, has misrepresented this Mat-
 ter. If the common Opinion at this
 time was not unjust to the Author,
 the Share that he had in the Manage-
 ment of this vile Affair, was one of
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the blackest Scenes of his Life. It is not unpleasant, when he says, "*I went no more to Fitzharris;*" it is very true, the Court wou'd not let him, having no great Opinion of his being a good Confessor. But notwithstanding all his Misrepresentation, the short of the Case was this. Here is a wicked Man under the Terrors of certain Death, prest by two Parties, the one wou'd persuade him to do Justice to the King, the Government, and his own Soul, by a frank Confession; the others, who had suborn'd him, to stand to his Evidence. As soon as Dr. *Burnet*, by his own Confession, went no more near him; having the Happiness to fall into the Hands of a more faithful spiritual Guide, and being no longer supported against the Impulses of his Conscience, he cou'd no longer resist; the Charm was ended, and he soon disburthens his Load by a hearty Confession. On this, the Suborners finding

finding their Roguery discover'd, endeavour to bring him back, and make him recant his Confession, as appears by Mr. *Eachard*. This they cou'd attempt no other way, but by engaging his Wife, who was a very ill Woman: She cou'd not resist the Temptation of 300 *Guineas* down, and three a Week; but sollicit her Husband to a Recantation; the poor Man fluctuated some time under this Temptation; but when Death approach'd, his Soul was dearer than any Thing he cou'd leave behind; he renews his Confession, signs it before he went into the Sledge; and this he confirm'd with his last Breath at the Gallows. As the Declaration of a dying Man is a kind of Will and Testament, the last Assertion is the most sacred, being the Codicil that gives the Sanction, confirms or destroys the rest. The two independent Sheriffs conscious of their Guilt, wou'd have persuaded him to have

confirm'd the Lies to which he had sworn in his former Evidence ; in order to this, with as much Ignorance as Brutality, they interrupted a Minister in the most sacred and solemn Duty of his Function, wou'd have hinder'd a Confessor from exhorting his Penitent to speak the Truth, and shame the Devil, tho' not the Doctor.

There is no need of saying more to clear this Matter, the Nature of the Thing speaks its self. If the Court thro' the Influence of *Dr. Hawkins*, had prevail'd on *Fitzharris* to accuse those Gentlemen falsely of Subornation, they must at least have tempted him with a Promise of Life ; afterward, when they broke their Word, and he came to dye, if it were only in Revenge, he wou'd certainly have told the Truth, and discover'd the Knavery, being under no manner of Temptation, to persevere in a Lie to the very last Moment, for the
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sake of Men who had rewarded him with a Halter.

P. 510. "About a Year before
 " this Tongue dy'd, who first brought
 " out Oates, they quarell'd afterwards,
 " and Tongue came to have a very
 " bad Opinion of Oates, upon what
 " reason, I know not. " There is a
 very remarkable Story in Mr. Eachard,
 that will give great light into this Mat-
 ter. Eachard P. 949. "As soon as
 " Oates was by the Parliament esteem'd
 " the prime Discoverer of the Plot, his
 " Reputation in the height, and all Per-
 " sons inflam'd with the Horror of it,
 " about twenty eminent rich Citizens,
 " entire Believers of the whole, met at
 " a great Supper in the City, to which
 " they invited Dr. Tongue, Mr.
 " Oates, and another noted Divine,
 " who had been often favour'd with
 " the King's private Conversation.
 " These three were handsomely enter-
 " tain'd, and particularly caress'd by
 " the rest of the Company; but their
 " highest and distinguishing Compli-
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“ ments were pay'd to Mr. Oates, and
 “ with such a seeming Derogation, to
 “ the Honour of Dr. Tongue, who
 “ valu'd himself and his Abilities as
 “ much as any Man, that there arose
 “ a verbal Quarrel between these two
 “ Confederates, which came to that
 “ height, that the Doctor plainly told
 “ Oates, that he knew nothing of the
 “ Plot but what he learnt from him.
 “ These dangerous Words disturb'd and
 “ confounded the whole Company: and
 “ had such an Effect upon one of them,
 “ who was thought to be a Spye, that
 “ the very next Morning he went to
 “ the King and told him the whole
 “ Passage and Transaction. Upon
 “ which, his Majesty immediately sent
 “ for the foremention'd Divine, in
 “ whom he had a good Confidence, and
 “ opening the Matter to him, he let
 “ him know, that he expected to hear
 “ the Particulars from him. But he
 “ made some Excuses, and particularly
 “ alledg'd the Badness of his Memory;

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“ at which the King said in a Passion,
 “ if you are good for any thing it is
 “ for your Memory; and then let him
 “ know that he had heard sufficient of
 “ the Matter already, but expected it
 “ all from him, but he still pretended
 “ not to remember it, or else gave so
 “ imperfect an Account of it, that the
 “ King incens’d, at last spoke to this
 “ Effect to him. I find there is like
 “ to be a great deal of Bloodshed about
 “ this Plot, and the Times are so
 “ troublesome and dangerous to me,
 “ that I durst not venture to pardon
 “ any that is Condemn’d: Therefore
 “ their Blood be upon your Head, and
 “ not mine; and I desire to see you no
 “ more, and so finally dismiss’d him
 “ his Presence.” If Mr. Eachard had
 been less tender of a certain Person’s
 Reputation, so as to have nam’d this
 noted Divine, we shou’d probably
 have known, whether Dr. Burnet
 spoke Truth or no, when he affirms,
 that

that he knew not the reason of the Quarrel between Oates and Tongue.

P. 522. “ As he was going back
 “ to bring the Dutcheſs, the Glouceſter
 “ Frigate that carried him ſtruck on a
 “ Bank of Sand. The Duke went
 “ into a Boat, and took care of his
 “ Dogs, and ſome unknown Perſons,
 “ who were taken from that care of
 “ his, to be his Priests. The Long-
 “ Boat went off with a very few in
 “ her, tho’ ſhe might have carried
 “ above 80 more than ſhe did, one
 “ hundred and fifty Perſons perish’d,
 “ ſome of them of very great Quality
 &c.” This Account is diametrically
 oppoſite to Truth in every Circum-
 ſtance, and cou’d proceed from no
 thing but the moſt infernal Malice
 inspir’d by the Father of all Falſhood.
 In the firſt place here is a Confu-
 ſion in the Account of the Boat in
 which the Duke was ſaved; at firſt he
 ſays, the Duke went into the Boat,
 afterward that the Long-Boat went
 off

off— Whether he means the same Vessel by these differing Appellations we are at a loss ; but we will suppose it on the stronger Side for the Author, and let it be the Long-Boat, which he says went off so empty, that she wou'd have still carried 80 more Persons. The Reader shall presently see whether the Carpenters at the Docks know more of this Matter than Dr. *Burnet*. The Dimensions of the Long-Boat belonging to the *Gloucester*, according to her Rate, must be as follows. Length *per* Keel 30 F. Breath *per* Beam 11 F. which allowing the utmost Number of Men that she cou'd carry, does not exceed 80 ; but what cou'd our Author say, if the Duke went not off in the Long-Boat, but the Pinnace or Boat with Oars, which with the Rowers and Coxon wou'd not carry half that Number. But whatever the Boat or her Complement was, Collonel *Leg*, afterward Lord *Dartmouth*,

mouth, saw her so deeply loaded, that he wou'd not enter himself for fear of sinking her, and least any Body else shou'd attempt it, he and the Captain, who was afterward sav'd by a Rope over the Stern, were forc'd to draw their Swords on the side of the Ship. After this Account, is it probable that Sir *John Berry*, the Captain of the Ship, and my Lord *Dartmouth*, shou'd suffer a Boat that wou'd have held eighty more Persons to have gone off, and left them behind? Notwithstanding the Notoriety of all these Facts, this harden'd Man has the Confidence to tell the World that the Pinnacle of a Frigate wou'd still have contain'd 80 more Persons. As to the People of Quality that were lost in this Hurry and Confusion, I am sorry to mention what was generally said and believ'd at the time, that some of them were in a Condition which render'd it impracticable to wake them; so that

that in such a Confusion, when every Man is to save his own Life, it is no great Wonder that they were neglected, who cou'd not shift for themselves. The Story of the Dogs and the Priests is all of a piece with the rest : every one knows, who were the Persons that the Duke distinguish'd and call'd in this great Distress ; but if he had thought fit to have sav'd his Dogs, it wou'd have done him no great harm ; they wou'd not afterwards have bit him : Those honest Creatures wou'd always have lick'd the Hands that fed them, and as they are the Emblems of Fidelity, wou'd never have deserted their Master. But this Story of the Dogs is as idle, and silly, as it is false and malicious ; for it is very well known that the famous *Mumper*, the Duke's favourite Dog, was drown'd, after having fought a good while, and disputed a plank with Sir *Charles Scarborough*. This was so very notorious, that a foolish Ballad, which is sung to this Day,

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was made at the time upon this ridiculous Rencounter between the Dog and the Doctor. If the Reader cou'd doubt before of this Author's being the most shameless of Writers, this very Story is enough to convince him.

Nothing can be so astonishing as the implacable Malice of this Man; tho' sure to be contradicted, he wou'd sacrifice his Reputation to the indulgence of his Revenge. This shews how that Passion was fix'd in his Nature as not to be eradicated; he must know that there were thousands alive who cou'd have confuted him in this Matter; but he chose rather to poyson one Man, than not to be censur'd by twenty: If he had been more guarded, and carry'd on his Design with greater Address and cunning, the Mischiefs that he wou'd have done might have been irreparable; but the Wisdom of Providence and Nature who gave him Horns, to make good the Proverb, thought fit to contract and blunt them. P. 528.

P. 528. He proceeds to the great Contest in the City, upon the Election of Sheriffs. In this Account he is so infamously partial, as to leave it doubtful whether the Falshood of the Facts, or his Assurance in telling them be greater. He begins thus. "*At Midsummer*
 "*a new Contest discover'd how little*
 "*the Court resolv'd to regard either*
 "*Justice or Decency. — P. Ib.*
 "*When the Day came, in which the*
 "*Mayor used to drink to one, and mark*
 "*him out for Sheriff, he drank to North,*
 "*a Merchant, that was Brother to*
 "*the Chief-Justice. Upon that, it*
 "*was pretended, that this Ceremony,*
 "*was not a bare Nomination, which*
 "*the Common-Hall might receive or*
 "*refuse, as they had a Mind to it :*
 "*But that this made the Sheriff, and*
 "*that the Common-Hall was bound*
 "*to receive and confirm him in*
 "*Course, as the King did the Mayor.*

“ On the other Hand it was said, that
 “ the Right was to be determined by
 “ the Charter, which granted the E-
 “ lection of Sheriffs to the Citizens
 “ of London; and that whatever Cus-
 “ toms had crept in among them, the
 “ Right still lay where the Charter
 “ had lodg’d it, among the Citizens.
 “ But the Court was resolv’d to car-
 “ ry this Point; and they found Or-
 “ ders that had been made in the Ci-
 “ ty, concerning this Particular;
 “ which gave some Colour to the
 “ Pretension of the Mayor. — The
 “ Sheriffs were always understood to
 “ be the Officers of that Court; so
 “ the Adjourning it belong’d to them:
 “ Yet the Mayor adjourn’d the Court,
 “ which, they said, he had no Power
 “ to do; and so went on with the
 “ Poll. There was no Disorder in
 “ the whole Progress of the Matter.
 “ But tho’ the Mayor’s Party carried
 “ themselves with great Insolence to
 “ the other Party, yet they shewed
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“ on this Occasion more Temper than
 “ could have been expected from so
 “ great a Body, &c.” I must
 desire my Readers, who are Citi-
 zens of *London*, to remark, that
 the Author is as ill-bred to a Lord-
 Mayor of *London*, as to a Peer of
 the Realm, who is not of his Kid-
 ney. Sir *John Moore* was a Tory;
 and therefore not to be treated with
 the Title of Lord, as it is to be ob-
 serv’d in this whole Quotation; he
 has not once vouchsaf’d this Honour
 to that unfortunate Gentleman; but
 treats the greatest Citizen of the Uni-
 verse, tho’ ennobled by so many
 Crowns, with no more Distinction:
 That this could not proceed from
 Negligence is certain; for in this
 Case, the Eye or the Ear will direct
 the Writer or Speaker; and I aver
 it to be equally as unnatural, for a
 Man bred in *England*, to write, or
 say, Mayor of *London*; as it would
 be to call an Ostler, in a certain Bo-
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rough, Lord-Mayor of *Stockbridge*: Tho' this isa nother Trifle in it self, it shews the Man in Miniature, and makes the Malignity of his Nature as apparent, as when on other Occasions we have unmask'd, and expos'd him to the Light in a larger Attitude. The Reader has seen the Author's Account of this Matter, and will, no doubt, be very much surpriz'd to find the Truth so disguis'd and falsified. Lest our single Authority in contradicting him should not have its Weight, we must have recourse to the common Chronicles, which, as to plain Matter of Fact, are, or ought to be Records. *Echard*, p. 1021.

“ The 24th of June, the customary
 “ Day for electing of Sheriffs of Lon-
 “ don for the ensuing Year, was the
 “ great Time of Struggle between the
 “ two Parties: Not long before at a
 “ Dinner call'd the Bridge-House
 “ Feast, the Lord-Mayor, accord-
 “ ing to ancient Custom, had chosen
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“ Mr. Dudley North, by the Cere-
 “ mony of drinking to him ; and there-
 “ upon issu’d out his Summons to the
 “ several Companies, to appear at
 “ Guild-Hall, on the 24th of June
 “ for the Confirmation of Mr. North,
 “ and for the Election of another
 “ Sheriff. At the appointed Day,
 “ a vast Concourse of People assembled
 “ at Guild-Hall, resolving to oppose
 “ the Lord-Mayor, who was sitting
 “ with the Sheriffs on the Hustings.
 “ There were two Parties appear’d in
 “ Competition ; Mr. North and Mr.
 “ Box on the Tory Party, and Mr.
 “ Papillon and Mr. Dubois on the
 “ other. The Poll was manag’d by
 “ the present Sheriffs, Mr. Pilkinton
 “ and Mr. Shute : In which it
 “ was observ’d, that the Names of
 “ those who poll’d for the Confirma-
 “ tion of North, and the Election of
 “ Box, were refus’d to be enter’d ;
 “ and on the other Side, it was said,
 “ that several Mens Names were
 “ en-

“ enter’d, who were not actually pre-
 “ sent, or not duly entitled to vote.
 “ The Lord-Mayor seeing this vio-
 “ lent Opposition, by Proclamation ad-
 “ journ’d the Court to the 27th of
 “ June, and departed the Hall. Up-
 “ on proclaiming God save the King,
 “ the People hiss’d, and cry’d God save
 “ the Protestant Sheriffs; and press’d
 “ so hard upon the Lord-Mayor, that
 “ he was thrown upon his Knees, and
 “ endanger’d by the Croud. Notwith-
 “ standing this Adjournment, and a-
 “ gainst more than one express Com-
 “ mand of the Lord-Mayor; the two
 “ Sheriffs continu’d to poll till Night.
 “ The next Day being Sunday, ad-
 “ mitted of no Business. Mon-
 “ day-morning the Lord-Mayor, Court
 “ of Aldermen, and the two Sheriffs
 “ were sent for, to appear before the
 “ King and Council; where the Mat-
 “ ter being fully examined, the two
 “ Sheriffs were committed Prisoners
 “ to the Tower, by a Warrant sign’d
 “ by

“ by twenty four Privy Counsellours.”
 Besides this, before the Affair was
 over, they rais'd new Seditions; for
 which the two Sheriffs and twelve
 other leading Men, were try'd for
 these flagrant Riots at *Guild-Hall*;
 upon an Information in the Crown-
 Office, which ran thus, “ That
 “ there had been a riotous and un-
 “ lawful Assembly of a thousand
 “ Persons unknown, who endeavour'd
 “ to raise a Tumult by Clamours, Out-
 “ cries and Disorders, in Contempt of
 “ the Laws; assaulted the Lord-Ma-
 “ yor, forc'd him upon his Knees, threw
 “ off his Hat, beat down the Sword, and
 “ continu'd the Hall after a legal Ad-
 “ journment, &c.” Of this Tumult
 these Gentlemen were convicted, the
 two Sheriffs were fined, the one in
 five hundred Pound, and the other a
 thousand Marks. After the Notorie-
 ty of these Facts, what must we think
 of this Author, who has the Brow to
 tell Posterity, “ That there was no Dis-
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“ order in the Progress of the whole
 “ Matter?” But there are thousands of
 living Witnesses at this Day to con-
 tradict him. One would believe, that
 the Author hop’d to live so long
 himself, that no one wou’d remain to
 assert the Truth against his Posthu-
 mous Work; otherwise he wou’d
 not have ventur’d thus to impose on
 the World, by denying these Tumults
 and Seditions, which were so very
 flagrant, as to cause the two Sheriffs
 to be imprison’d; an Incident,
 which has not often happen’d since
 the Incorporation of the City. The
 mutinous Conduct of the Disaffected
 at this Time, was look’d on by all
 impartial Persons, as one of the great-
 est Blemishes in the most illustrious
 Body of Citizens in *Europe*. When
 an Author will so divest himself of
 all Shame, as to oppose the Torrent
 of Truth, what will become of Hi-
 story? If such Tumults and Seditions
 are to be express’d by the Words, *no*
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Disorder in the whole Progreſs ; if a violent Affault on the Perſon of the chief Magiſtrate, throwing him on his Knees, taking away his Hat, and beating down the chief Enſigns of his Power and Dignity, may be ſaid, *to act with Temper*, we muſt make a new Dictionary for the *English* Language. The beſt Advice that we can give the Reader, that he may be the leaſt deceiv'd, when he has to do with this Writer, is to believe directly contrary to what he affirms, and like a Conjuror, always read him backwards. I cannot part with this Subject without one ſhort Remark ; that notwithstanding the Power of the *Lord Mayor* was ſo diſputed at this Controverſy, ſuch is the Diſingenuity of Mankind, that we have liv'd to ſee, within leſs than twenty Moons, the ſame Party of Men ſupport an Election on their Side by the ſame Authority.

After this infamous Account, in regard to the Election of Sheriffs, Dr. *Burnet* never shrinks, but goes boldly forward in his constant Tract of Misrepresentation and Calumny. The Election of a *Lord Mayor* gives him a new Opportunity of shewing his wonted Candour, p. 530. “*When*
 “*Michaelmas-day came, those who*
 “*found how much they had been de-*
 “*ceived in Moor, resolved to chuse*
 “*a Mayor that might be depended on.*
 “*The Poll was closed when the Court*
 “*thought that they had the Majority:*
 “*But upon casting up it appeared*
 “*that they had lost it. So they fell to*
 “*canvas it, and they made such Ex-*
 “*ceptions to those of the other Side,*
 “*that they discounted as many Voices*
 “*as gave them the Majority. This*
 “*was also managed in so gross a Man-*
 “*ner, that it was visible the Court was*
 “*resolved by fair or foul Means to*
 “*have the Government of the City*
 “*in their own Hands, &c.”* We
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must confute him with the same Authority. Echard, p. 1022. " *A new*
 " *Struggle happen'd on Michaelmas-*
 " *Day, which being the customary*
 " *time for the Election of a Lord*
 " *Mayor, the Whig Party muster'd*
 " *their utmost Strength against Sir*
 " *William Prichard, who was next*
 " *in Course, and set up against him*
 " *two several Aldermen, Gould, and*
 " *Cornish, of whom the last had been*
 " *Sheriff but the Year before; on the*
 " *first Appearance these two had the*
 " *Majority of Votes; till at last up-*
 " *on a long Scrutiny, and a thorough*
 " *Examination into the Capacity of*
 " *the Voters, it was found that a*
 " *great Number had appeared for*
 " *them, who were not legally entitled*
 " *to Voices, and, as it was reported,*
 " *no less than sixty in the single Com-*
 " *pany of the Merchant-Taylors:*
 " *which Kind of People being struck*
 " *out of the Number, it appear'd*
 " *that Sir William Prichard had 2138*

“ *Votes, Gould 2124, and Cornish*
 “ *2093. Whereupon Sir William*
 “ *Prichard on the 27th Day of Octo-*
 “ *ber, was by the Court of Aldermen*
 “ *declar’d Lord Mayor Elect.*” No-
 thing can be more shocking than
 the Author’s foregoing Misrepre-
 sentation of this Contest. Because
 a Number of Men unqualified
 had the Impudence to Vote with-
 out having any Right; this can-
 did Author would not have these
 false Voices rejected, but charges
 the Court with a visible “ *Design of*
 “ *having the Government of the City in*
 “ *their own Hands.*” As the *Sheriffs*
 have the Management and Inspection
 of the Poll, it is to be presum’d,
 that upon the Scrutiny, they
 wou’d not permit any wrong to be
 done to their own Party. If the
 Author could have asserted and
 prov’d, that any Injustice had been
 done in rejecting the unqualified
 Voices, his Pretence wou’d have
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been more pertinent as well as just. The Reader has seen these two contrary Accounts, and I leave it to him, which he will believe, the Bishop, or Mr. Archdeacon.

P. 535. “ *The Attorney General*
 “ *moved contrary to what is usual in*
 “ *such Cases, that the Judgment*
 “ *might not be recorded, and upon*
 “ *that new Endeavours were used to*
 “ *bring the Common Council to deli-*
 “ *ver up their Charter: Yet that*
 “ *could not be compassed, tho’ it was*
 “ *brought much nearer in the Number*
 “ *of the Voices than was imagined e-*
 “ *ver could be done.* ” To see whether
 he is right or no in this Assertion,
 we must be inform’d first of the Con-
 ditions to which they submitted.
 Upon Judgment being given in the
Kings-Bench, the Lord Mayor and
 Aldermen went to *Windsor* with a
 most humble and submissive Petition
 to implore the King’s Mercy ; in an-
 swer to which, the Lord-Keeper
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North in the King's Name, gave them to understand, that his Majesty was inclined to shew them some Favour, on Submission to the following Conditions. “ 1. *That no Lord Mayor,*
“ *Sheriff, Recorder, Common-Ser-*
“ *jeant, Town-Clerk, or Coroner of*
“ *the City of London ; or Steward of*
“ *the Borough of Southwark, shall be*
“ *capable of, or admitted to the Exer-*
“ *cise of their respective Offices, before*
“ *his Majesty shall have approv'd*
“ *them under his Sign Manual. 2.*
“ *That if his Majesty shall disapprove*
“ *the Choice of any Person to be Lord*
“ *Mayor, and signify the same under*
“ *his Sign Manual to the Lord May-*
“ *or, or in default of a Lord Mayor,*
“ *to the Recorder, or senior Alderman,*
“ *the Citizens shall within one Week*
“ *proceed to a new Choice : And if his*
“ *Majesty shall in like Manner disap-*
“ *prove the second Choice, his Majesty*
“ *may, if he please, nominate a Person*
“ *to be Lord Mayor for the ensuing*
Year.

“ Year. 3. If his Majesty shall in
 “ like Manner disapprove the Persons
 “ chosen to be Sheriffs, or either of
 “ them, his Majesty may appoint
 “ Persons to be Sheriffs for the ensuing
 “ Year, by his Commission, if he so please.
 “ 4. The Lord Mayor and Court of
 “ Aldermen, may also with Leave of
 “ his Majesty, displace any Alderman,
 “ Recorder, &c. 5. Upon the Elec-
 “ tion of an Alderman, if the Court
 “ of Aldermen shall judge, and de-
 “ clare the Person presented to be un-
 “ fit, the Ward shall chuse again;
 “ and upon a Disproval of the second
 “ Choice, the Court may appoint ano-
 “ ther in his Room, &c.” After this
 Declaration, he concluded, “ My
 “ Lord Mayor, the Term draws to-
 “ wards an End, and Midsummer-
 “ Day is at Hand when some of the
 “ Officers us’d to be chosen, whereof
 “ his Majesty will reserve the Appro-
 “ bation. Therefore it is his Maje-
 “ sty’s Pleasure, that you return to
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“ the City, and consult the Common-
 “ Council, that he may speedily know
 “ your Resolutions hereupon, and ac-
 “ cordingly give his Directions; and
 “ that you may see the King is in Ear-
 “ nest, and the Matter is not capable of
 “ Delay, I am commanded to let you know,
 “ he has given Order to his Attorney-Ge-
 “ neral to enter up Judgment on Saturday
 “ next, unless you prevent it by your Com-
 “ plyance in all these Particulars.” What
 followed upon this, Mr. Echard will
 “ inform us, p. 1027. “ According to
 “ this Order a Court of Common-Council two
 “ Days after was held again in Guild-Hall,
 “ where the Question being put, whether they
 “ should assent and submit to his Majesty’s
 “ Orders of Regulations, as above expres-
 “ sed; the Court was divided, but it was
 “ carried in the Affirmative by a Majority
 “ of eighteen Voices, the Yeas being 104,
 “ and the Noes 86. The next Day the
 “ Sheriffs waited on his Majesty at Wind-
 “ sor to satisfy him, that they had submitted
 “ to his Regulations, &c.” If an entire
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Submission to these hard Conditions and Regulations was not in effect an absolute Surrender of their Charter, unless it were necessary to bring the Indenture in a Box, we cannot imagine what Name to give it. Notwithstanding this Certitude in the precise Number of the Voices pro and con, the Author thinks fit to affirm, that this Affair was carried on the other Side; by which we may see how little we can depend on what he says in the most notorious Matters of Fact. As we can find no other Time, that this Affair of submitting their Privileges, was put to the Vote in the Common-Council, he can mean no other Struggle but this; if so, when he says, It was carried against the Court, he was out in his Arithmetick, &c.

P. 536. He opens the Scene of the great Conspiracy, which broke out in the Year 1683. After so long an Experience of this Author, we

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should not much wonder at any partial Account that he gives of this Matter, if he did not so far exceed himself, as to make one conclude, that he must be at this Time out of his Senses, to own the Knowledge of so much, and the Belief of so little. It is certain, that he never revis'd, or so much as read over what he had written, otherwise he could never have fall'n into such gross Absurdities and Contradictions. Nothing can reconcile him to himself, after making such wrong Inferences from his own Premisses, but that he firmly believ'd, let them do what they wou'd, that no Facts could be Treason against that Government. His Business is to throw Dust in his Reader's Eyes, to confound and embarrass him ; one Moment he makes this Plot as visible as the Dome of *St. Paul's* ; the next he sinks it in Obscurity, and makes the whole Story a Chimera and Forgery. But Truth is

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too bright and conspicuous to be conceal'd. This Author argues like a Man, who shou'd infer, that there is no Sun at Noon Day, because he cannot see when he looks him in the Face. The History of this Conspiracy written by Dr. *Sprat*, all founded on the most authentick Depositions, the Characters of the Witnesses, who were not rak'd out of Jayls, but on the contrary were Men of some Substance, and what is more, great Credit with their own Party, at least were above Want and the last Necessity; but above all, the Confessions of the dying Criminals have put the Truth of this Plot beyond Dispute; but the Bishop is so very inconsistent and unreasonable, that after he has acknowledged himself enough to convince the most incredulous, he arraigns the Justice of the Government in punishing the guilty, and would have his Reader believe, that it was accidental Discourse in Conversation,

without any form'd Design. Thro' several Pages he gives of this long Accounts. P. 536. " *The Earl of*
 " *Shaftsbury had been for making use*
 " *of the Heat the City was in during*
 " *the Contests about the Sheriffs ; and*
 " *thought they might have created a*
 " *great Disturbance, and made them-*
 " *selves Masters of the Tower.*" But the Reader may judge of his Ingenuity by a Misrepresentation of the Circumstances, when they met at Mr. *Shepards* in *Abchurch-Lane*. What he says is directly contrary to the Evidence given at the Tryals. Colonel *Romsey* depos'd, " *That in the End*
 " *of October, or Beginning of No-*
 " *vember 1682, there met at Mr.*
 " *Shepard's House in Abchurch-Lane,*
 " *the Duke of Monmouth, the Lord*
 " *Gray, the Lord Russel, Sir Tho-*
 " *mas Armstrong, and Robert Fer-*
 " *guson. That the Lord Shaftsbury*
 " *desir'd him to go to them thither,*
 " *to know what Resolution was taken*
 " *about*

“ about the Rising at Taunton. That
 “ he did go, and Mr. Shepard car-
 “ ried him up where they were, and
 “ he deliver’d his Message. That
 “ the Answer was, Mr. Trenchard
 “ had failed them, and there could
 “ no more be done in the Matter at
 “ that Time ; that there was at the
 “ same time a Discourse by all the
 “ Company about seeing what Posture
 “ the Guards were in, that they
 “ might know how to surprize them ;
 “ that some of them undertook to go
 “ and see. That Lord Ruffel in par-
 “ ticular did speak about the Rising,
 “ and gave his Consent to it.” To
 corroborate this Evidence, Mr. Shep-
 ard, who was an eminent Merchant,
 a Man of unblemish’d Probity, and
 of Reputation upon the Exchange,
 swore as follows. “ That in Octo-
 “ ber last, Ferguson requested of him
 “ in the Duke of Monmouth’s
 “ Name, the Conveniency of his
 “ House for the Meeting of some
 “ Per-

“ Persons of Quality ; and that the
 “ same Day in the Evening, the Duke
 “ of Monmouth, the Lord Gray, the
 “ Lord Russel, Sir Thomas Arm-
 “ strong, and Ferguson came ; that
 “ they desir’d to be private, and none
 “ of his Servants to come up. That
 “ their Discourse was how to sur-
 “ prize the Guards ; that the Duke
 “ of Monmouth, Lord Gray, and
 “ Armstrong went one Night to
 “ view them ; that the next time
 “ they came, Armstrong said, That
 “ the Guards were remiss, and the
 “ Thing was feasible ; that they had
 “ two Meetings of this Kind at his
 “ House ; that in one of them some-
 “ thing was read in the Nature of a
 “ Declaration by Ferguson, setting
 “ forth the Grievances of the Nation,
 “ in order to a Rising ; that he could not
 “ positively say that L. Russel was there
 “ when it was read, but the said Lord
 “ the Prisoner was there, when they dis-
 “ cours’d of seizing the Guards.” In
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the first Place I must desire the Reader to observe, how exactly the Evidence of these two Witnesses, *Romsey* and *Shepard* tallied in every Point, and then we will see the ingenuous and candid Account given by the Author in relation to this Matter.

P. 537. "*The Duke of Monmouth*
 " *gave an Appointment to Lord*
 " *Shaftsbury, or some of his Friends,*
 " *to meet him, and some others, that*
 " *he should bring along with him,*
 " *at Shepard's a Wine-merchant, in*
 " *whom they had an entire Confidence.*
 " *The Night before this Appointment*
 " *Lord Russel came to Town on ac-*
 " *count of his Uncle's Illness. The*
 " *Duke of Monmouth went to him,*
 " *and told him of the Appoint-*
 " *ment, and desired that he wou'd*
 " *go thither with him: He consented,*
 " *the rather, because he intended to*
 " *taste some of that Merchant's Wines.*
 " *At Night they went with Lord*
 " *Gray*

“ Gray and Sir Thomas Armstrong,
 “ when they came, they found none
 “ there but Romsey and Fergu-
 “ son two of Lord Shaftsbury's Tools
 “ that he employed: Upon which they
 “ seeing no better Company, resolved
 “ immediately to go back; but Lord
 “ Russel called for a Taste of the
 “ Wines; and while they were bring-
 “ ing it him up, Romsey and Arm-
 “ strong fell into a Discourse of sur-
 “ prizing the Guards. Romsey fan-
 “ cied it might easily have been done;
 “ Armstrong who had commanded
 “ them, shewed him his Mistakes.
 “ This was no Consultation about what
 “ was to be done, but only what might
 “ have been done. Lord Russel spoke
 “ nothing on the Subject, but as soon as
 “ he had tasted his Wines went away.”

Here the Reader may see how posi-
 tively Dr. Burnet contradicts the E-
 vidence that was given at the Tryal.
 He says that Sir Thomas Armstrong
 differ'd in Opinion from Colonel
 Romsey

Romsey about seizing the Guards, and thought it not practicable; Mr. *Shepard* on the other Hand swears, that he made a contrary Report, and declared the Thing to be feasible, by reason of their Remissness. He is as much in the wrong, when he says, that the Duke of *Monmouth* and Lord *Russel* found no Body there but *Romsey* and *Ferguson*, upon which they were going away. Col. *Romsey* to the contrary says, that he came afterwards, and was carried up Stairs, and introduc'd into the Company. As this being of no great Consequence, whether he came before or after makes it improbable, that the Witness should falsify such a Circumstance, so it evinces, that Dr. *Burnet* could never speak Truth. As Mr. *Shepard* was a Man perfectly *Rectus in Curia*, of an unquestionable Character, and cou'd have no Malice, or other Inducement to make him tell a Lye on this Occasion, we

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ought in Reason and Justice to believe him; except it should be objected, that his Knowledge of so black a Design and concealing it, shou'd disparage his Credit, as a Witness; but this was most certainly the only Qualification to make him a good one: Without allowing this, it is impossible ever to have any human Evidence in a secret Conspiracy. It is plain, the Author has misrepresented this Matter, and industriously conceal'd every Thing that could affect his Friends, and persuade the World of their Guilt. If he had been sincere (but that was none of his Business) and had acquainted his Reader with the Circumstances that appear'd in the Tryal of my Lord *Russel*, beside the positive Evidence, he wou'd have given truer Impressions: If he had told, that the Duke of *Monmouth*, the Lord *Gray*, &c. Persons of that elevated Rank and distinguish'd Quality, came in a *Hackney* Coach, with-

without so much as a Footman to attend them, and afterwards desir'd to be private, and that none of the Servants should come into the Room, he could not have made his Reader believe that they only came to taste Wines ; besides, the Time that they staid there, being several Hours, was a little too long to have no other Business. These very two Circumstances are as strong Presumptions, that they had a secret and dangerous Design, as if a thousand Witnesses had sworn it. But I shall not dispute whether what was charg'd on my Lord *Russel*, amounted to more than Misprision, or no : I shall not justify any Hardships that noble Lord might suffer on that Account ; but in contradiction to the Bishop, who denies the Truth of this Plot, let my Lord *Russel* be never so innocent, I must aver, that if a Person is present at a treasonable Consult, tho' he should at the same time not only dis-

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like, but abhor any Scheme that should be offer'd, his Consent to what was propos'd, is as strong an Evidence that such a thing was propos'd, as his Approbation.

It wou'd be endless to follow him thro' all his Mazes in the Relation of this Conspiracy. It wou'd swell this Book beyond the Design, to comment on every Absurdity in this particular Story. Tho' he owns so many Facts, he would have you believe that nothing was meant after all ; that is as much as to say, that when they sent *Aaron Smith* into *Scotland*, they had no Design in sending him, that when he went he had no Design in going ; that the *Scotch* Gentlemen, who came to *London* on this Invitation, had no Design in taking so long and charegable a Journey ; and when he himself was afraid that his Friend *Lord Russel* should come to some Harm by keeping his Country-men Company ; he believ'd that they had
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no Designs that cou'd endanger him; and when he owns that the Pretence of *Carolina* was thought a very good Blind, this Blind was to cover nothing at all. To convince the Reader that I have not wrong'd the Author, in charging him with owning several Facts, I must be oblig'd to make some short Quotations. p. 541.

“ *What past between the Scots and*
 “ *English Lords I know not, only that*
 “ *Lord Argyle, who was then in Hol-*
 “ *land, asked at first 200000 l. for*
 “ *buying a Stock of Arms and Am-*
 “ *munition, which he afterwards*
 “ *brought down to 80000 l. and a*
 “ *thousand Horse to be sent down into*
 “ *Scotland.*” In the same Page he
 says. “ *But the Thing had got some*
 “ *Vent, for my own Brother, a zeal-*
 “ *ous Presbyterian, who was come from*
 “ *Scotland, it not being safe for him*
 “ *to live longer in that Kingdom,*
 “ *knowing that he had conversed with*
 “ *many that had been in the Rebelli-*
 “ *on,*

“ on, told me, there was certainly
 “ somewhat in agitation among them,
 “ about which some of their Teachers
 “ had let out somewhat very freely to
 “ himself.” Again p. 543. Walcot
 “ an Irish Gentleman, that had been
 “ of Cromwell’s Army, was now in
 “ London, and got into that Com-
 “ pany; and he was made believe,
 “ that the Thing was so well laid that
 “ many both in City and Country were
 “ engaged in it; he liked their Project
 “ of a Rising, but declared he would
 “ not meddle with their Lopping.” In
 the same Page, “ At one Time Lord
 “ Howard was among them; and they
 “ talked over their Schemes of Lop-
 “ ping. One of them was to be exe-
 “ cuted in the Playhouse. Lord How-
 “ ard said he liked that best, for then
 “ they would die in their Calling.”
 p. 545. “ As for Arms, West had
 “ bought some, as on a Commission for
 “ a Plantation. And these were said
 “ to be some of the Arms with which
 “ they

“ *they were to be furnished, tho’ when*
 “ *they were seen they seem’d very im-*
 “ *proper for such a Service.* ” These

Arms were after their Seizure deposited and shewn in the *Tower* ; they consisted of Blunderbusses and Musketoons, which were the most proper to fire into a Coach ; but we will excuse the Doctor’s Ignorance in an Art to which he was a Stranger, the Knowledge and Use of Arms, since we find him very often not so well instructed as he ought to have been, in his own Profession. P. 549. “ *But*

“ *he begun (i. e. Lord Gray) to think*
 “ *that he might be in Danger ;*

“ *he found Romsey was one Wit-*
 “ *ness, and if another shou’d come in*

“ *he was gone.* ” P. 557. Speaking of himself and Tillotson, he says, “ *We*

“ *thought the Party had gone too quick*
 “ *in their Consultations, and too far ;*

“ *and that Resistance in the Condition*
 “ *we were then in was not lawful.* ”

After owning so many Circumstances
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and Facts, the Author will find a very difficult Task to blind and deceive his Readers, so as to make them believe there was nothing at all in this Matter. The Inconsistencies and Contradictions into which he must of Necessity fall, are obvious; all which might have been prevented when he asserts any one Thing, if he had carefully examin'd what he had said before. But perhaps he had contracted a Habit of so outfacing the World, that he would not correct his Errors, as if he was ashamed of repenting even to himself. His Faults are seldom single; when he has committed one, he hurries you on to another, that by a new Amusement, you should not have Time to reflect on the past; like a vicious Horse, who, when he has made a Stumble, instead of going more carefully, conscious of his Fault, runs away with his Rider.

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In order to his Design of Discrediting the Plot by invalidating the Force of the Evidence, he uses not always the very best Arguments; his Objection against my Lord *Howard* in being a Beggar, will bear no great Weight. Men in ill Circumstances are most likely to be desperate, and engage in desperate Designs. *Cataline* was undone in his domestick Affairs, before his Necessities, as well as Ambition push'd him to repair his broken Fortunes in the Ruin of his Country. When he says, that Lord was so infamous, that his own Party were shy in trusting him, he seems to contradict himself, when in another Place he asserts, that Colonel *Algernoon Sidney*, had so great a Kindness for him, as to support him with his Esteem, Friendship, and Purse, which so wise a Man would never have done, if this Nobleman had been of a Character so infamous, as not to be trusted. His Zeal to the

Cause, and mortal Hatred to the King and kingly Government, must needs recommend him to Men possess'd with the same Aversions. There can lye no other Objections against My Lord *Howard*, who was qualified to be in their Councils in all respects; and if we consider his Name and Family, was superior in Quality, as well as in the Fineness of his Parts and Capacity.

P. 558. “ *He thought it necessary*
 “ *for him to leave a Paper behind him*
 “ *at his Death; and because he had*
 “ *not been accustomed to draw such*
 “ *Papers, he desired me to give him a*
 “ *Scheme of the Heads fit to be spoken*
 “ *to, and of the Order in which they*
 “ *shou'd be laid: Which I did. And*
 “ *he was three Days employ'd, some*
 “ *Time in the Morning, to write out*
 “ *his Speech.*” Afterwards when he was
 examin'd by the *King and Council*,
 and ask'd, *If he did not make my*
Lord Russel's Speech? He tells you
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himself his Answer. “ *I offer’d to*
 “ *take my Oath, that the Speech was*
 “ *penn’d by himself, and not by me.*”

After this no one will dispute the Ingenuity of the candid Dr. *Burnet*.

Whether, he who dictates, or he who transcribes a Paper, is reckon’d to be the Author, let all Men judge, who ever heard of the Word, *Equivocation*?

If we had to do with another Man, who should have told this Story of himself, we should have made this Reflection, That he had sacrificed the Reputation of his Sincerity, to be thought the Author of that sophistical Paper, and that his Vanity had vanquish’d his Sense of Shame ; but as our good Bishop was all his Life totally unsusceptible of the last Passion, the first, in his Case, had nothing to combat.

After these Affairs at Home, he now carries us into *France*, where his Vanity appears in the most lively Colours. Here he gives the Characters

of the *French* Court, and the great Men in that Country, most of which are wrong, but it is not worth while to disprove him. P. 565. he says,
 “ *That the Duke of Montausier was*
 “ *a Pattern of Virtue and Sincerity,*
 “ *if not too Cynical in it. He was so*
 “ *far from flattering the King, as all*
 “ *the rest did most abjectly, that he*
 “ *could not hold from contradicting*
 “ *him, as often as there was Occasion*
 “ *for it. And for that Reason chief-*
 “ *ly the King made him the Dauphin’s*
 “ *Governour.*” Here contrary to his Design or Inclinations, he sets the King of *France* in a very advantageous Light, inconsistent with the Notion that he has given of him in other Places, where he makes him so fond of the Incense that was offer’d to him. A Prince who is above the Poyson of Flattery, must not only have a Greatness of Soul, but the most consummate Wisdom. To esteem a Man for a Sincerity often shewn

shewn at his own Expence, so as to entrust him with the Care of his Son, is a Character inconsistent with that Tyrant, Monster, and Enemy of Mankind, which our well-bred Author in a very few Pages will call him.

Afterwards p. *ibid.* “While I was
 “ at Court, which was four or five
 “ Days, one of the King’s Coaches was
 “ sent to wait on me, and the King
 “ ordered me to be well treated by all
 “ about him, which upon that was done
 “ with a great Profusion of extraor-
 “ dinary Respects.” But this was not
 all. p. *ibid.* — “That the King hear-
 “ ing I was a Writer of History, had
 “ a Mind that I should write on his
 “ Side. I was told a Pension would
 “ be offer’d me, but I made no Step
 “ towards it.” The Compliment of
 the King’s Coaches is never paid in
 so haughty a Court as that of *France*,
 but to foreign Princes, publick Mi-
 nisters, or to Persons of a very ele-
 vated

vated Rank and Quality. It has been known, that this Honour has been shewn to Generals of Orders, tho' but poor *Franciscan Fryars*; but then always conducted by a *Master of the Ceremonies*, as being regarded under a publick Character; but never to private Men, especially to a Person not so much as dignified at this Time in his own Church and Country, and whose best Pretension was the Honour of his *English Cassock*, which by his ill Principles and Tricks he had so much disgrac'd. It is pity Dr. *Burnet* had not thought fit in this Ramble to have made the Tour of *French Flanders*, that Sir *Harbottle Grimstone's* Chaplain might have been saluted by the Cannon from the Ramparts in every Town that he pass'd. This Compliment would certainly have been paid to a Person so distinguish'd in *France*, as to have had the Honour of the King's Coaches. But the most extravagant Sally of his
Vanity,

Vanity, is the Story he tells us, that the King had a Mind to engage him to write on his Side. This *Rhodomontade* must give no small Diversi-
on in *France*, where there are so many illustrious and abler Pens; besides the Advantage of being Natives, Men in all respects so much better qualify'd for so great a Task, without the Absurdity of employing a *Scotch Hugonot* to defend the Cause, and adorn the *Triumphs* of LOUIS LE GRAND, who now at this Time was in the Meridian of all his Greatness. But what makes all these *Gasconades* the more suspicious and improbable, is the Account which a little before he himself has given of the strict and dangerous Alliance at this Juncture between *England* and *France*. This, if true, would make the Conduct of the *French* King, if he design'd to keep any Measures with his Brother and Allie, very unaccountable, thus to overwhelm with Favours and Marks of Respect

Respect a Man, who was at this Time in a Kind of Rebellion, in open Defiance, and had flown in the Face of the King his Master.

P. Ibid. “ *I saw the Prince of*
 “ *Conde but once, tho’ he intended to*
 “ *see me oftner. He had great Quick-*
 “ *ness of Apprehension, and was*
 “ *thought the best Judge in France of*
 “ *Wit and Learning. He had read*
 “ *my History of the Reformation, that*
 “ *was then translated into French, and*
 “ *seemed very well pleased with it. So*
 “ *were many of the great Lawyers ; in*
 “ *particular Harlay, then Attorney-*
 “ *General, and now first President of*
 “ *the Court of Parliament at Paris.* ”

Here he flatters the Prince of Conde, and makes him the most capable Person to judge of Writing, with no other Design, but to compliment himself in that Prince’s Approbation of his History. Whoever had the Genius and fine Taste to be pleas’d with that extraordinary Performance, must be

be the best Judge of Wit and Learning in all *France*. Tho' it is very well known, that the Prince of *Conde* was bred in a Camp from a very Boy ; the Broils and civil Combustions in which he was engag'd so many Years, besides the long Wars in which he commanded afterward, let his Genius and Natural Parts be never so great, could not have afforded him Leisure to qualify himself to be the best Judge of Books and Literature in one of the most learned Countries in the World. But if the *French* were so weak, as to have any great Opinion of him, Monsieur *Thevenot* has disabus'd his Country-men.

He now returns into *England*, where he renews his Prejudices, and after his usual Rate pours out his scandalous Invectives against the Administration. P. 567. " All People were apprehensive of black Designs, when they saw Jefferies made
D d d " Lord

“ Lord Chief Justice, *who was scan-*
 “ *dalously vicious, and was drunk e-*
 “ *very Day; besides a Drunkenness*
 “ *of Fury in his Temper, that looked*
 “ *like Enthusiasm.*” We will pass
 the ill Manners and Brutality of this
 scandalous Character, and only re-
 mark, *that if Fury in Temper may be*
called Drunkenness, the Author, tho’
 he was sober and temperate as to Li-
 quor, was in his Time the greatest Sot
 in *Christendom*. If My Lord *Jefferies*
 exceeded the Bounds of Temperance
 now and then in an Evening, it does
 not follow that he was drunk on the
Bench and in *Council*. The greatest
 Men of Antiquity were not free
 from this Vice: The *Cato’s* themselves,
 if we can believe *Tully* and *Horace*,
 not only indulg’d their Genius, but
 warm’d their Virtue with Wine, and
 prolong’d their Cups till Morning.
 Yet these Men were the Patterns of
 those great Virtues, which we at this
 Distance of Time so much admire;
 tho’

tho' they liv'd in a Southern Country, where this Vice has always given greater Scandal, than among the Northern Nations, where constant Habit and Custom has almost made it no Crime. If a Man has Faults, he had better owe them to his Liquor than Nature; the first may be corrected by Reason and Experience, whereas the last is incurable.

P. 575. " Lord Halifax pressed
 " him (Monmouth) to write a Letter to the King, acknowledging that
 " he had confess'd the Plot. Plot
 " was a general Word, and might
 " signify as much, or little as a Man
 " pleased." This is a fine Definition

of a Plot, but if the Design is real and true, *A Plot is a Plot*, as much as a Man is a Man, or a House a House. It is certain that our reverend Author has all along follow'd this Notion in the Accounts that he has given of the several Plots, that is, has made them *signifie as much, or as*

little as he pleas'd ; just as the Interest of his Party and his own Inclinations directed.

But nothing can be more astonishing, than the Inferences that he draws from the *Confessions* of the dying Persons. He has own'd before, that *Hone*, whom he calls a *poor simple Man*, and who had some Heat but scarce any Sense in him, was drawn by Keeling and Lee. Afterwards he says, " *Hone confessed his own Guilt,*
 " *but said, those who witnessed against*
 " *him had engaged him in that De-*
 " *sign, for which they now charged*
 " *him; but he knew nothing of any*
 " *other Persons, besides himself and*
 " *the two Witnesses.*" That made the Plot never the less true, because he knew no more of it ; and the Simplicity of the Man, on which the Author seems to lay some Stress, made him more likely to speak Truth. *Walcot* and *Rouse*, who dy'd at the same Time, acknowledg'd so much
 as

as confirm'd the Truth of the Plot, tho' they trifled in some Circumstances relating to their own Share in the Design. From hence the acute Dr. *Burnet* infers : "*These Men dying as they did, was such a Disgrace to the Witnesses, that the Court thought fit to make no further Use of them.*"

For a very good Reason ; there were no more Tryals at that Time, in which they had Occasion for the Evidence of *West* and *Romsey*. Notwithstanding all that *Walcot* own'd at his Death, and the Letter that he wrote to Sir *Leoline Jenkins*, Secretary of State, in which he acknowledged that the Plot was laid very wide, and offer'd to make great Discoveries on Condition of Mercy ; the Author is not ashamed to draw such monstrous Consequences in favour of their Innocence, and to prejudice the Credit of the Witnesses. We will suppose a Case that is parallel. *A robs B on Hounslow-Heath,*
B

B swears against A, that he took from him five Pound thirteen Shillings; when A comes to dye, he owns the Fact as to Circumstance of Time and Place, but says that B has wrong'd him in charging him with taking five Pound thirteen Shillings, whereas he took but five Pound twelve. This, according to Dr. Burnet's way of Reasoning, ought to affect the Credit of B in the Testimony that he gave. But the Case is still *à fortiori* on the other Side, for none of those who suffered, charged the Witnesses with any Injustice towards them.

But what is the most extravagant Thing of all, is the Use that the Bishop makes of *Holloway's* Confession. When he says, p. 577. "*The Credit of the Rye-house Plot received a very great Blow by his Confession.*" The Reader must certainly desire to know what this Man said on this Occasion. "*But he was prevail'd on by the*" *Hopes*

“ Hopes of a Pardon to submit and
 “ confess all he knew. He said he
 “ was drawn into some Meetings, in
 “ which they consulted how to raise an
 “ Insurrection, and that he and two
 “ more had undertaken to manage a
 “ Design for seizing on Bristol with
 “ the help of some that were to come
 “ to them from Taunton. But he
 “ added, that they had never made a-
 “ ny Progress in it. He said, at their
 “ Meetings in London, Romsey and
 “ West were often talking of lopping
 “ the King and the Duke; but that
 “ he had never entered into any Dis-
 “ course with them upon that Subject.
 “ These were West, Romsey, Rom-
 “ bold and his Brother; the fifth
 “ Person is not named in the printed
 “ Relation. Some said it was Fergu-
 “ son, others Goodenough.” This
 is another Specimen of the Author’s
 Reasoning. Holloway own’d, that he
 was at some Meetings, in which they
 consulted how to raise an Insurrec-
 tion,

tion, and afterwards says, that *West* and *Romsey* were often talking of lopping the King and the Duke ; but that he did not believe there were above five Persons who approv'd it. For this Reason the sagacious Dr. *Burnet* infers, that this Confession gave a very great Blow to the Credit of the *Rye-house Plot* ; but since he makes an Objection of to the Probability from the Paucity of the Number, we will tell him some more besides the five mentioned. *Hone* absolutely own'd, that he was to be one. *Walcot* must be another, because when he offer'd to Sir *Leoline Jenkins* to make a Discovery, what he had to say must relate to the Transactions at *West's* Chambers, where the Affair of the Assassination was wholly manag'd ; he could not know much of Consequence in any other Branch of the Plot, not being admitted to the superior Councils. *Goodenough* was another, and *Keeling*
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by his own Confession, and the famous *Robert Ferguson* is allow'd by all, to have been the common Agitator in every Part of both Conspiracies. So here we have nine Persons actually engag'd; this is a more proper Number in Regard to Secrecy, to form a Plot, than nine hundred; every one is suppos'd to engage others, who, as they were to be only the Executioners under the Direction of their Leaders, were not so fit to be trusted with the Councils and secret Springs of the Design.

P. 597. When he gives an Account of Sir *Thomas Armstrong's* Behaviour at his Execution, he makes no Scruple to assert any Thing, tho' never so false, to put his Friends in a good Light, and to make those of his Party always die like Saints.

— “ *Died in so good a Temper, and*
 “ *with so much Quiet in his Mind,*
 “ *and so serene a Deportment, that*
 “ *we have scarce seen in our Times,*

“ *a more eminent Instance of the Grace*
 “ *and Mercy of God.*” In this Ac-
 count I can contradict him my self;
 I saw that unhappy Man go to die:
 As he pass’d along he threw about
 his Arms, as far as the Rope that ty’d
 him wou’d permit, turn’d about
 his Head after an unusual Manner,
 drew and shrugg’d up his Shoulders,
 with such Convulsions and Distor-
 tions in his Countenance, such vi-
 sible Marks of Passion, as shew’d so
 great a Disorder and Perturbation of
 Mind, as I never observ’d in any
English Man in the same Circumstan-
 ces. This in Dr. *Burnet’s* Language
 is “ *Temper, Quiet of Mind, and*
 “ *serene Deportment.*” It is no Mat-
 ter for Truth, if what he says sounds
 but well, and supports the Credit
 of Party. By this, and the like Ac-
 counts on the same Occasion, which
 the Reader must needs have observ’d,
 it is evident, that the Author’s chief
 Talent lyes in finely describing the
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Behaviour of Criminals, and in pathetic Narrations of their dying Speeches. It is Pity, that he had not been better acquainted with his Genius, he wou'd have made an admirable Ordinary of *Newgate*, which was a Post much fitter for him, than that he possess'd in the Church; when we consider that the Fury of his Temper, his Thirst of Revenge, his absolute Want of Modesty, Humility, Charity, and all the apostolical Qualities of a good Bishop, render'd him as unfit for the pastoral Charge, as his Carnality and Love of the World, would have unqualify'd him to have been a *Capuchin* Fryar. But it is a Weakness and Misfortune common to Mankind, always to aspire to those very Things for which they are the least qualify'd, *Optat Ephippia Bos.* — This was the Author's Case, tho' at the same Time it is not improbable, that his Avarice was the chiefest Spur to his Ambition,

in begging a Bishoprick with so good a Revenue; when we reflect that at bottom, he had no great Kindness for that Rag of the Whore, those Popish Gugawes, the *Lawn* and the *Mitre*. The Doctor has a particular Kindness for this worthy Gentleman; not content to make him die well, he would have you believe that he liv'd as innocent; by endeavouring to exculpate him from having any Share in this Conspiracy, when in the preceding Page he tells us, that,

“ The thing that Romfey had swore
 “ against him, seemed not very cre-
 “ dible: For he swore, that at the
 “ first Meeting Armstrong under-
 “ took to go and view the Guards,
 “ in Order to the seizing them; and
 “ that upon a View, he said at a
 “ second Meeting, that the Thing
 “ was very feasible. But Armstrong,
 “ who had commanded the Guards
 “ so long, knew every Thing that re-
 “ lated to them so well, that without
 “ such

“ *such a transient View he could on a*
 “ *sudden have answered every Thing*
 “ *relating to them.*” Here is a great
 Mistake in the Person of the Wit-
 nefs: It was not *Romsey* but *Shep-*
ard, who swore against Sir *Thomas*
Armstrong by Name. *Romsey* in
 his Deposition only says, that some
 of the Company undertook to go
 and view the Guards: This *Shep-*
ard confirms, by his Testimony,
 and particularly names the Duke of
Monmouth, Lord *Grey*, and Sir
Thomas Armstrong to have been
 the Persons who undertook to do it,
 and that Sir *Thomas Armstrong* was
 the Man who made the Report, that
 the Thing was feasible by Reason of
 their Remissness. The Author, consci-
 ous of the undeniable Credit of *Shep-*
ard, charges this Evidence on *Romsey*,
 whom he thought the more excep-
 table Witness, and consequently the
 more likely to be believed. As it is a
 little unnatural to mistake *Romsey* for
Shep-

Shepard, we have the more Reason to believe that he did it on purpose; by which we may see his little Arts to cheat and impose on his unguarded Reader. The Objection that he makes to the Probability of this Matter, is weak and trifling; tho' he seems to lay very great Strefs on his Reasoning, when he says, that Sir *Thomas Armstrong*, who had commanded the Guards, knew their Situation so well, as to have no Occasion to view them. This will bear no great Weight, when we consider, that the Guards were doubled, their Numbers encreas'd by additional Recruits; and their Posts extended at this Time, upon the repeated Alarms given to the Court, by the frequent Seditions in the City: This must of Course, make them alert and more on their Guard, than in Times of profound Quiet, when Sir *Thomas Armstrong* commanded them some Years before. Consequently, there was an absolute

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Necessity of more than what he calls a transient View; of a new and exact Observation of their Posture and Discipline, before they could form any successful Scheme of surprizing them. But if it were really unlikely what these Witnesses gave in Evidence, it would be ridiculous on bare Improbability, to argue against Matter of Fact, for which we have all the Certitude of human Evidence. With all the Pains, that the Author has taken to decry the Truth of this Plot, the unprejudic'd Part of the World will never believe him in what has all the Proof that, morally Speaking, can be expected, unless it had taken Effect: In that Case, there would have been no great Occasion for Dr. *Burnet's* History; Success alone would much better have justify'd the Action, than the prostitute Pen of so weak an Advocate.

P. 590. " Stearn, *Archbishop of*
 " *York, died in the eighty sixth Year*
 " *of his Age: He was also a sour*
 " *ill temper'd Man, and minded*
 " *chiefly the enriching of his Family:*
 " *He was suspected of Popery, be-*
 " *cause he was more than ordinarily*
 " *compliant with the Court, and was*
 " *very zealous for the Duke."* This
 is a false, unjust, and malicious
 Character of that worthy Prelate:
 As if a Man could not act upon
 a Principle which his Religion had
 taught him, without being inclin'd
 to Popery. The *Turners*, the *Kens*,
 the *Sancrofts* were as zealous for
 the Duke, as this Bishop; yet no
 Man will be so hardy, as to insi-
 nuate their Inclination to that Reli-
 gion, when by their Sufferings and
 Imprisonment, they gave such con-
 vincing Proofs of their Firmness
 to their own. I heartily wish, that
 the Author had done as much Hon-
 our to his Character, as the worst
 Man

Man that he reviles in his Book, it would have been better for that Church, of which he was so unsound and heterogeneous a Member; it would have given a less handle to the Insult of her Enemies, and have sav'd us a great deal of Trouble to defend her.

P. ibid. “Dolben Bishop of Rochester, succeeded him, a Man of more Spirit than Discretion, and an excellent Preacher, but of a free Conversation, which lay'd him open to much Censure in a vicious Court.”

One would have thought, that a free Conversation should have lay'd a Man open to more Censure in a vertuous, than a vicious Court. As it is impossible, that the Author could have meant as he writes, we will not insist on the genuine Meaning of his Words, but allow it to be an Error in the Expression, rather than the Mind. I only remark the Mistake to shew the Neg-

ligence or Laziness of this Writer, who had so much Time to peruse this Work; if he had taken the Pains to have read over this Paragraph, it is impossible, but he must have found this Inconsistency.

Among the wrong Characters of the other good Bishops, who dy'd this Year, he says, *p. ibid.* " *That*
" Gunning was a dry Man, and
" much inclin'd to Superstition." That the Reader may be appris'd of what he means by the Word Superstition, he must know, that in Dr. *Burnet's* Language, it signifies a pious and dutiful Adherence to the Principles, Canons, Rubrick, and Discipline of the Church of *England*, as establish'd first by *Edward VI.* confirm'd by Queen *Elizabeth*, *James I.* *Charles II.* and all the Acts of Uniformity since the Reformation; whoever would not surrender these, and sacrifice the Church to the Caprices of her Schismatics, were Friends to Popery.

Popery. To confirm this, he has a notable Paragraph in the very next Page: Speaking of Bishop Ken, he says, "*The King seem'd fond of him,*" "*and by him and Turner the Papists*" "*hoped that great Progress might be*" "*made in gaining, or at least de-*" "*luding the Clergy.* It was observ'd "*that all the Men in Favour among*" "*the Clergy were unmarried; from*" "*whom they hoped that they might*" "*probably promise themselves a Dis-*" "*position, to come over to them.*" As to one of these Persons, there must be a very great Mistake. Dr. Turner was a married Man; whether he might be a Widower at this Time, we cannot determine. We hope there is no need of defending these good Men from this vile and calumnious Insinuation: Their Actions have sufficiently convinc'd the World to the contrary: We saw the Time, when prostrate Crouds implor'd their Blessing, and call'd them

the Saviours of the Nation. No Wonder, their egregious Virtues shou'd shock a Man, who was their Antipodes in all that was good and worthy. The Sanctity of Manners, the Mortification, the Chastity in living unmarried of that apostolical Man Dr. *Ken* must necessarily reproach the Sensuality and Love of Women in Dr. *Burnet*, who exceeded by two, the Number allow'd by the Apostle. The same Thing may be lawful, and not be decent. But this Concupiscence in our Author may comparatively be excus'd, when we consider, that a very good Friend of his, a famous Ringleader and Preacher among the Rebels in *Scotland*, about forty five Years past, in Number of Wives exceeded our Doctor by six.

P. 600. “ *A Tryal in a Matter*
 “ *of Blood, came on after this. A*
 “ *Gentleman of a noble Family being*
 “ *at a publick Supper with much Com-*
 “ *pany,*

“ pany, some hot Words past between him
 “ and another Gentleman, which rais-
 “ ed a sudden Quarrel; none but three
 “ Persons being engag’d in it. Swords
 “ were drawn, and one was kill’d
 “ outright: But it was not certain
 “ by whose Hand he was kill’d: So
 “ the other two were both indicted
 “ upon it; the Proof did not carry it
 “ beyond Manlaughter; no Marks of
 “ precedent Malice appearing. Yet
 “ the young Gentleman was prevail’d
 “ on to confess the Indictment, and
 “ to let Sentence pass on him for
 “ Murder, a Pardon being promis-
 “ ed him if he should do so; and he
 “ being threatned with the utmost Ri-
 “ gour of the Law, if he stood upon
 “ his Defence, &c.” For some
 Reasons, I shall not disprove the
 Particulars of this Account; but I
 think my self oblig’d to let his Rea-
 ders know, that the Author has a-
 bus’d them, by endeavouring to im-
 pose upon them in almost every
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Circumstance, as he relates the Story : For their further Satisfaction, I refer them to the Records of the *Old-Bailey* and the *Sessions Paper* printed at this Time, a sort of Narrative, which is not the most unfavourable to those, who have Money enough to pay for inverting the initial Letters of their Name.

P. 604. “ There was at this
 “ Time a new Scheme form’d, that
 “ very probably would have for ever
 “ broken the King and the Duke :
 “ But how it was laid was so great
 “ a Secret, that I could never pene-
 “ trate into it. It was laid at Lady
 “ Portsmouth’s, Barillon and Lord
 “ Sunderland were the chief Mana-
 “ gers of it ; Lord Godolphin was
 “ also in it ; the Duke of Monmouth
 “ came over secretly ; and tho’ he did
 “ not see the King, yet he went back
 “ very well pleas’d with his Jour-
 “ ney ; but he never told his Reason
 “ to any that I know of.” Nor a-
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ny Body else. He knew nothing of the Matter ; and consequently could not tell it. This chimerical Story has been industriously affirm'd by others, who, perhaps believ'd it no more than the Author. It was first invented to facilitate the Belief of this King's being poysoned. If we may argue from Reason, and Experience of human Nature, nothing can be more incredible than this pretended Scheme, which, if true, must make this Prince the weakest of human Race. He was now in Circumstances of Ease, Power, and Greatness, to which few of his most fortunate Predecessors ever arriv'd ; after so long a Struggle, he had vanquish'd a stubborn and potent Faction ; had the Necks of his Enemies under his Feet, and was now treated by his Subjects with a Reverence mixt with Fear, and a Love that resulted from Esteem. In such a Situation, it is unconceivable that
a Man

a Man in his Senses should surfeit of Happiness, long to return to his Bondage, and with his own Hands put on his Chains again; should now in perfect Ease and Safety sacrifice a Brother whom he tenderly lov'd, after having waded thro' so many Dangers to defend his Right of Succession, with the imminent Hazard of his own Possession; should abandon his Friends, who, with so great Fidelity had help'd to extricate him out of his Troubles, to the Revenge of Men, who would soon have involv'd both him and them in the same again, and on whom he had try'd so many Experiments of Bounty, Grace, and Mercy, to which he never found any Returns of Love, Duty, or Gratitude; as if Nature had indued one sort of Men with no other Passion, but that of Resentment. The Persons pretended to be the Managers of this Scheme, add to the

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the Improbability, nothing being more strange, than that Monsieur *Barillon* the *French* Ambassador, should be in a Design to ruin the Duke of *York*, the immediate *Roman Catholick* Heir to the Crown. This knocks all on the Head that the Bishop has told us before, and entirely destroys all Notion of the Friendship and secret Alliance between *French* and *English* Popery. Nor is it less surprizing, when the Design was disappointed by the sudden Death of the King, that not one Person in the Plot should make his Court to the Successor, by telling so important a Secret, which must have prevented his taking into his Bosom immediately the very Men, who would have cut his Throat the Week before. Whoever can reconcile such a Design in King *Charles* to common Sense, may if he pleases believe Dr. *Burnet*.

We are come at last to the end of King *Charles's* Reign, whose Death hap-
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pen'd at this Time, of which the Author's Accounts, in regard to the Circumstances of his first being attack'd, and Sickness, are a little wide of Truth; but as his Mistakes are of no great Consequence, it is not worth while to disprove him; but the Story of the Priest who was frighted out of his Wits, so as to run against a Post, is a little remarkable. P. 607. *" And when
 " he (Huddleston) was told what was
 " to be done, he was in great Confu-
 " sion, for he had no Hostie about him.
 " But he went to another Priest that
 " liv'd in the Court, who gave him
 " the Pix with an Hostie in it. But
 " that poor Priest was so frighted,
 " that he ran out of Whitehall in
 " such Haste, that he struck against
 " a Post, and seem'd to be in a Fit
 " of Madness with Fear."* It is worth the Enquiry of some great Philosopher to find a Reason for this prodigious Effect; that a Man should run out of his Wits, because a great King

King was going to do him the Honour to die of his Religion. It is highly probable that the Author mistook the Passion, and when he said Fear, meant Joy, which was much more natural to a *Romish* Priest on this Occasion, not only on the Account of so illustrious a Convert, but the Hopes of a *Popish* Successor. After all, it is Pity to spoil this pretty Romance by telling the Truth: The *Hostie* which was given to the King at this Time, was fetch'd from the Chappel at *Somerset-house*, and consequently could not be obtain'd from a Priest, who liv'd in *Whitehall*, as he relates the Story. This entirely destroys the Tale of the Priest and the Post, written by the Author of the delightful History of the *Queen* and the *Cart*.

P. 610. " To this I shall add a
 " very surprizing Story, that I had
 " in November, 1709. from Mr.
 " Henly of Hampshire. He told me

“ that when the Dutcheſs of Portſ-
 “ mouth came over to England in
 “ the Year 1689, he heard that ſhe
 “ had talk’d as if King Charles had
 “ been poisoned, which he deſiring
 “ to have from her own Mouth, ſhe
 “ gave him this Account of it: She
 “ was always preſſing the King to
 “ make both himſelf and his People
 “ eaſy, and to come to a full Agree-
 “ ment with his Parliament, and he
 “ was come to a final Reſolution of
 “ ſending away his Brother, and of
 “ calling a Parliament, which was
 “ to be executed the next Day
 “ after he fell into that Fit of which
 “ he died. She was put upon the Se-
 “ cret, and ſpoke of it to no Perſon a-
 “ live, but to her Confefſor: But her
 “ Confefſor, ſhe believ’d, told it to ſome,
 “ who ſeing what was to follow, took
 “ that wicked Courſe to prevent it.”

This Story is told with more Circum-
 ſtances and Solemnity than any of his

his other Hear-says, but it may be never the truer for that: Here we must depend upon the Veracity of two Persons, Dr. *Burnet* and Mr. *Henly*; so that we have a double Chance against the Truth of this Story: We observ'd before, that the Tale of the design'd Alterations was invented to support the Belief of the Poison, and now the Poison is introduc'd to support the Belief of the Alterations. When Things are dubious, we can only argue from Probability. The Death of King *Charles* was the greatest blow to the Fortunes of the Dutchess of *Portsmouth*, who had the most Interest in his Life of any one Person in the World; and the greatest Reason to detruce any Suspicion of his being poison'd. If that were true, all the World agrees with the Author, that the Fact was committed at her Lodgings; in which Case, let her be never so innocent, she must, of Course, be involv'd in some

some Share of the Suspicion. The King was under her Roof, and consequently under her Protection; she was in some Measure responsible for his Safety. Such a Secret must pass thro' very few Hands; and consequently make it more easy to guess at the Guilty, whom she would most certainly have delated, and endeavour'd to have brought to Justice; the least Sacrifice she could make to the Manes of her Royal Lover. As it is impossible that she herself should be guilty, and equally as difficult to conceive the Thing feasible to be done in her House, without her Discovery of the Authors, whom she would most certainly have expos'd to the Resentment of the Nation, we may justly conclude, that it was not done at all. The different Accounts of the Fact, add to the Improbability of it; some have reported that the Poison was given in Eggs dress'd with Amber-greece, a Dish peculiar to this Prince; others

others in Chocolate; and the Author, in Snuff, or Broth. This Variety in the Manner of the Performance, makes it all look like Invention, and the Story spurious, by having so many different Fathers. This Matter has been exhausted already by learned Men: Dr. *Welwood* who has left it doubtful at last, tho' qualify'd by his Profession to be the best Judge. As the greatest Part of Mankind make their Passions and Prejudices, without consulting Reason, the Standards of their Belief; it will remain a moot Point to the Day of Judgment. If King *Charles* was not poison'd, as we have Reason to believe, it is incredible that the Dutches of *Portsmouth* should have told this Story to Mr. *Henly*; if so, it is unlikely Mr. *Henly* should tell it to the Bishop of *Salisbury*. I can carry my Improbability no farther. 'Till that great Lady thinks fit to own that she told this Story to Mr. *Henly*, we are not oblig'd

lig'd to believe it from the last Hands: As what the Author says, is no Article of Faith, 'till better Proof, we must leave this Piece of secret History among the Apocryphal Writings of the great *Burnet*.

Greater Difficulties in the Belief of this Matter are to be encounter'd, in Regard to the Consequences that, humanly speaking, must have follow'd the Disappointment of the pretended Scheme. If the Dutchess of *Portsmouth*, the Lords *Sunderland* and *Gordolphin*, *Barillon*, and the King, had really form'd a Design to lay aside his Brother, in Favour of his natural Son, and that to prevent this, the King was poyson'd, it follows, that the Party interested enough to commit so wicked an Action, must have discover'd who were the Persons concern'd in this Scheme, as well as the Scheme it self: I must then ask my Reader, what would be the natural Consequences on King *James's* Accession
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to the Throne; in the first Place; Monsieur *Barillon* at least would have been forbidden the Court, 'till his Master had justify'd his Conduct; the new King would have found himself under no Obligation from any Regard to his Brother, to have treated the Dutchess of *Portsmouth* with such distinguishing Marks of Respect: In short, he must have been more than posselt to put one of those two Lords engag'd in that Design, at the Head of his Councils and Administration; and the other so near the Person of his Queen.

After having brought *Charles II.* to the Grave, he pursues him further, and continues his Malice in a false and defamatory Character, in which, like a Judge at a Tryal, he sums up the whole Evidence against him. Tho' it is just to defend the Injur'd, this Character is too long to be transcrib'd, and will too much tire the Reader: I shall therefore only make

Remarks on some of the most obvious and flagrant Scandals. In this Description he is so very unjust to the good Qualities of this Prince, as to give them the Name of the neighbouring Vices: At this Rate no Pitch of Virtue can ever be guarded from Malice; Generosity is Extravagance, and Frugality Avarice. He says, “ *He lost the Battle of Worcester with too much Indifference,* “ *and then he shew’d more Care of* “ *his Person, than became one who* “ *had so much at Stake.*” Here that heroick Virtue, which Philosophy calls Fortitude, is term’d by the Doctor Indifference: Not daring to arraign his personal Courage in the Field of Battle, he charges him with taking too much Care of his Person afterwards; this is the most natural Sense of the Words, but our Author is often equivocal. If he means too much Care of his Person in the Action, the Reflection is false, and

and if in the Flight, is stupid. The Behaviour of the young King on this Occasion, was so distinguish'd, as to extort the Praise of an Enemy, not over generous: He led on his Foot in Person, and made no small Impression on *Cromwell's* firmest Battallions. On this Occasion he had no less than two, if not three Horses kill'd under him; the Pikes and Bullets that reach'd the Horses were not far from the Rider. This is enough for his Courage in the Action. If the Author means too much Care of his Person afterwards, it is a very extravagant Censure; he would have had him stood still after a Rout, to be taken, and fall into the Hands of the Men who chopp'd off the Head of his Father: But the Reason he gives for such Despair is admirable, because he had so much at Stake, as if his Life was of less consequence on that Account, and not to be manag'd with common Discretion. His

Address in concealing his Person by dissembling his Pain of Mind, and putting on an Air of Easiness, the sagacious Bishop calls Carelessness, and not acting the King in the Habit of a Peasant, Levity. our wiser Author in that Condition, would have had him have kick'd the Wench who gave him a Box in the Ear, for daring to strike a Monarch. *"While he was abroad at Paris, Colen, or Brussels, he never seem'd to lay any Thing to Heart. He pursued all his Diversions, and irregular Pleasures in a free Career ; and seem'd to be as serene under the Loss of a Crown, as the greatest Philosopher could have been."* So much the greater Heroe, or better Christian. This depends on the Man, and not on the Conduct ; what is Stupidity in a Fool, is Greatness of Mind in a wiser Man. When he talks of his irregular Pleasures, he must mean his Pursuit of Women. For Drink-
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ing was never his Vice, and for Gaming, he neither had Money, nor Inclination.

We must here distinguish the Scenes of his Life, and not impute to his Youth the Faults of his riper Years. His Love of Women was after his Return, and not in his Exile before; except that one Instance of the Duke of *Monmouth's* Mother, there happen'd nothing abroad notorious enough to give publick Scandal, if we may believe Dr. *Charlton* and others, who knew him in his Youth much better than the Author; who are just to his Virtues, as well as severe to his Vices, and distinguish the Days of Guilt from those of Innocence; whereas the charitable Dr. *Burnet* makes the whole Tenour of his Life one and the same Debauch. If we may give Credit to the forecited Authorities, as we find them collected by Mr. *Echard*, we have a better and truer Account of his Youth. *Echard*

chard p. 770. “ *And it is obser-*
ved from a good Hand, that for
many Years before his Return, he
had been so chaste, or so cautious,
that those about him cou’d hear no
Whisper of an indecent Gallantry.”
 This acquits him from those Vices
 ascrib’d by the Author to his youn-
 ger Days; tho’ the Weakness of his
 riper Years cannot be excus’d either
 in Morality or Religion. Except the
 ill Consequences of a bad Example,
 these Crimes cou’d not so much tar-
 nish his Character in his publick Ca-
 pacity. One of our greatest and most
 fortunate Monarchs, *Edward IV.*
 indulg’d this Vice of Women as much
 or more than *Charles II.* yet he has
 not been handed down to Poster-
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 ry ill Man in the Colours of Dr.
Burnet, who adds another Injustice
 to the Character of this Prince,
 when he tells us, that, “ *during his*
Exile he deliver’d himself up so en-
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“ tirely to his Pleasures, that he be-
 “ came incapable of Application; he
 “ spent little of his Time in reading
 “ or study, and yet less in Thinking.”

The foremention'd Author gives us
 a very different Account. P. lib.

“ These natural Endowments were
 “ highly improv'd, not only by his un-
 “ common Industry, but by an unusu-
 “ al Train of Accidents unknown to
 “ other Princes. So that besides his
 “ great Skill in modern Languages,
 “ History, Mathematicks, and Na-
 “ vigation, &c.” If this is true, all
 that the Author has asserted on this
 Head is manifestly false; these diffi-
 cult Sciences could not be attain'd
 without great Pains, and Applica-
 tion of the Mind, as well as Capa-
 city; except, like another Solomon,
 this Prince ow'd his Knowledge to
 the Gift of Inspiration: After taxing
 him with Cruelty, when forc'd to al-
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 imputes this Goodness to Maxims of
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State, and not to his Nature : At this Rate the Virtues of all Mankind are precarious, and may be ascrib'd to vicious Causes.

P. 612. “ *He delivered himself*
 “ *up to a most enormous Course of*
 “ *Vice, without any Sort of Restraint,*
 “ *even from the Consideration of the*
 “ *nearest Relations.*” We all know what he means : As he barbarously gave to a certain Princess before a great Number of Lovers, it is but adding this one Perjury more to his solemn Appeal in his Preface, to make her and her Brother incestuous.

P. 18. “ *He went over these in*
 “ *a very graceful Manner, but so of-*
 “ *ten and so very copiously, that all those*
 “ *who had been accusom'd to them,*
 “ *grew weary of them ; and when he*
 “ *enter'd on those Stories they usually*
 “ *withdrew,*” My Lord *Mulgrave* was of another Mind. This Nobleman was educated in the Court of
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this Prince, was admitted into his Pleasures, and had the Honour to enjoy so agreeable a Conversation many Years. Besides these Advantages, the Greatness of his Parts, the Delicacy of his Taste, his perfect Knowledge of the greater World, and a superior Genius made him a better Judge, and much more capable of giving us true Ideas of this great King, than so unqualify'd a Man as the Author, whom an inveterate Prejudice had so blinded, as never to let him see any Virtue in an Enemy: Besides a constant Habit of Romancing was become so natural by long Practice from his very Childhood, as to make him a little uneasy, whenever oblig'd to speak Truth. Nor was this all, his Blood was so sour'd by a narrow and vile Education among those Fanatick Covenanters in *Scotland*, as must of Course contract the Mind, give a Meanness of Soul, and make him

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an Enemy to all that was Great and Noble.

I have drawn these two Writers of the same Character in their proper Colours, that when they clash and contradict one another, the Reader may know whom to believe the soonest. In Opposition to what he just now told us, how King *Charles* tir'd his Company by the frequent Repetition of his Stories, the nobler Writer gives us a contrary Account in these Words, "*He was witty in all Sorts of Conversation, and telling a Story so well, that not out of Flattery, but the Pleasure of hearing it, we seem'd ignorant of what he had repeated to us ten Times before, as a good Comedy will bear the being often seen.*" This is very unlike to what the Author calls running away from his Stories.

The Peer and the Prelate are so widely different in their Accounts of

of this Prince, that one or the other must be very much mistaken. Dr. Burnet says, p. *ibid.* “ That he had
 “ great Vices but scarce any Virtues
 “ to correct them.” My Lord Mulgrave on the contrary tells us, “ That
 “ his Temper both of Body and Mind,
 “ was admirable; which made him
 “ an easy and generous Lover, a ci-
 “ vil and obliging Husband, a friend-
 “ ly Brother, an indulgent Father,
 “ and a good natur’d Master.” This short Character comprehends all the civil Offices of Life, and illustrates this Prince in every Capacity. If all these good Qualities contain any Virtues, the Author very much abuses his Reader, when he paints a King adorn’d with so many Excellencies, in the hideous Colours of a Tyrant and Monster in Vice.

Dr. Burnet says he was cruel, my Lord Mulgrave, of a merciful Disposition. The Reader may easily determine which to believe, when

this unjust Man is so unluckily absurd, as to tax a Prince with the want of Bowels, who was remarkable for the contrary Quality; whose Mercy, in Regard to himself and Friends, was his greatest Fault; who suffered in his Reputation both at home and abroad by a too general and hasty Indulgence to his Enemies, in screening them from the Justice of his Parliaments, in lessening the Number design'd to be excepted, and precipitating an Act of Indemnity before they deserv'd that Goodness.

Not content to give him all the ill Qualities that he could imagine in human Nature, he thinks fit to compare him with one of the most flagitious of the *Roman* Emperours; and to support his Parallel, he tells you they were like in Countenance, and that he saw a Statue of *Tiberius* at *Rome*, which so resembled King *Charles*, as if it had been made for him.

him. There is a great deal of Room left to Imagination and Fancy, in comparing the Likeness of Pictures; besides there is no indisputable Certitude in so remote Antiquity, whether this Statue was genuine or no; Statues are not so undeniably sure as Medals, which have Letters and Names inscrib'd upon them. But supposing it made for *Tiberius*, it is possible, it might not be like him; we see at this Day in catching the Likeness, both Painters and Statuaries, tho' very great Artists, sometimes fail. But we will for once allow that King *Charles* resembled *Tiberius* in Vilage, it will not follow that he must be like him in Manners. My Lord *Mulgrave* has destroy'd this Consequence, when he tells us, "That he was an illustrious Excep-
 "tion to all the common Rules of
 "Physiognomy; for with a most Sa-
 "turnine harsh Sort of Countenance
 " he

“ he was both of a merry and merciful Disposition.”

We will now examine his Parallel between King Charles and Tiberius. P. 613. “ Tiberius’s Banishment, and his coming afterwards to reign, makes the Comparison in that Respect come pretty near ; his hating of Business, and Love of Pleasures ; his raising of Favourites, and trusting them entirely, and his pulling them down, and hating them excessively ; his Art of covering deep Designs, particularly of Revenge, with an Appearance of Softness brings them so near a Likeness, that I did not wonder much to observe the Resemblance of their Face and Person.” Without the same Motives and Reasons, both for their Banishment and Succession, those two Events under different Circumstances will not make the Cases parallel.

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But *Tiberius* was not banish'd at all: This unlucky Man mistakes in the History of other Countries, as much as in his own; he made a voluntary Retreat to the Isle of *Rhodes*, went and came back with the Leave of the Prince to whom he was a Subject; *Charles* was expell'd by the Rebellion of his own. *Tiberius* mounted the Throne, not without Suspicion of having unfairly removed his Predecessor, to whose Adoption he ow'd all his Pretensions to Empire; *Charles* was call'd home to his undoubted Right by the unanimous Voice of his longing People. *Tiberius* put his Favourites to death by an arbitrary and absolute Power, only to get their Riches; *Charles* never discarded his, till they had first betray'd him, and then resum'd not the Grants and Bounties that he had given. With his own good Will, he punish'd none with Death, but pardon'd Rebels, and them by the
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Laws of his Country, after they had tir'd his Patience by repeated Provocations, and made his Justice not more necessary to his own, than the Safety of his People. *Tiberius* dissembled to over-reach and circumvent the Innocent; *Charles* thro' absolute Necessity to defend himself against the Designs of the Guilty. Nor was their Conduct and Habit of Life less different than their Manners; the one shut himself up in a little * Rock, with his Pantomimes, Catamites, Eunuchs, and other Instruments of his unnatural Lusts; the other in all his Disorders kept himself within the Bounds of Nature, and was so far from absconding, or concealing his Person, that no King of *England* ever expos'd himself so much to the View of his Subjects; not only twice or thrice yearly on his

* Island of *Capreae*.

Throne in the great Assembly of his People, but shew'd himself daily in his Parks, Gardens, or Tennis-Courts, where by his Activity and Vigour he gave his good Subjects Hopes of enjoying him long, by adding Health to that Life, in which they had so great an Interest. At last the Catastrophes of these two Princes were as different as their Lives. *Tiberius* dy'd abhorr'd and detested, loaded with the Execrations of the *Roman* World, as a Monster of Mankind, and an Excrecence of Nature. *Charles* grew more aimable, rever'd, and almost ador'd, the nearer he approach'd his End; and when Death came, expir'd amidst the Sighs, Tears, and Groans of a distracted People, who sacrific'd to his Memory, by the most sincere and universal Mourning, that ever was known in *England* on the like Occasion.

The Author would have been more lucky in his Choice, and have drawn a truer Parallel, if he had compar'd this Prince with the fortunate Predecessour of this infamous Tyrant. Such a Comparison would have given a better Opinion of his Judgment, as well as his Justice, and have made him concur with the greater Part of the World, who have always allow'd and call'd the Times of King *Charles II.* the *Augustan Age of England*, so great was the Resemblance of their Genius and Manners. Both these great Princes were invited to Empire after long and bloody civil Wars, whose Wounds they equally heal'd with the same pacifick Hands; they both alike pardon'd their greatest Enemies, and both met with the same Returns; *England* had her *Cinnas* as well as *Rome*. The great Events of their Reigns were equally auspicious. They both saw their Capital Cities rebuilt with greater

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ter Magnificence ; they both reform'd the Rudeness in the Manners of the Age, and introduc'd a Politeness and Elegance unknown before, not more by their Encouragement than Example. The Purity of the *Latin* and *English* Tongues are owing to the Care and Improvement of those two Monarchs. The noblest Wits and diviner Poets flourish'd in their Time ; Arts and Sciences sprung and bloom'd in the Sun-shine of their warm Influence ; the Muses and Graces attended them to the Throne, and vanish'd when they departed ; as whatever was Noble and Great at *Rome*, was owing to *Augustus Caesar*, so all that are illustrious at this Day among us in the nobler Sciences, had their Birth or Education under the auspicious Star of *Charles II.* In short, they both vanquish'd all Difficulties with the same Felicity, and after long, peaceful, and prosperous Reigns, dy'd equally lamented by their Subjects.

The only Difference between them was in Extent of Command, in the Greatness of Empire, and not of the Men.

By what has been said, the Reader may see the wrong and unjust Character the unworthy Author has given of this great Prince, and that no Virtue or Merit is out of the Reach of Malice. On this Occasion to confirm in his Reader the Belief of what he has asserted, he concludes with renewing his Impiety, appealing once more to the God of Truth, and using his Name to defend the blackest and most egregious Falshoods.

We are now come to a Reign, in which, for some Reasons, I shall be very reserv'd and laconick. The Author here is safe in his Trenches, and cannot be attack'd without manifest Danger. To battle him now is a kind of Tryal ordeal; we must shut our Eyes, and to come at him pass
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over burning Plow-shears. However, in Matter of Fact, if he pleases to call it Noon, when the Sun is below the Horizon, tho' it may be too bold in plain Terms to say it is Night, we may venture to bring an Equation Table, and not be of both his Opinions, when he contradicts himself. He begins his Attack on this unfortunate Reign with a counterfeit Tendernefs, which bodes no good to the unhappy Object of his Malice. The Writers of natural History assure us, that there are certain terrible Animals, who always weep over the Prey they are going to devour. If it is ominous, as the Ancients believ'd, to stumble at the Threshold, we have no good Prefage of what is to come, and if he proceeds, as he begins in this Reign, the Reader may expect a noble History; for he opens the first Scene with a most notorious, and one of the least supportable Falshoods in all his Book.

P. 620. " *It was a heavy Solemnity. Few Tears were shed for the former, nor were there any Shouts of Joy for the present King.*" We will join Issue with the Author, and let all the Dispute between us be decided by the Verity or Falshood of this one Assertion. Tho' he is equally wrong in both, as to Fact; we shall not insist on the Joy, which was as great as common Decency, after such a Loss, would permit; but as for the Grief, there never was such a Scene of Woe in *England*: The Sorrow was so epidemical as not to distinguish Party: The Sense of the Loss so general, that the meaner Sort of the People, as well as the richer, paid their Tribute to his Memory; there was scarce a Servant Maid betwixt *White-Chappel* and *Westminster-Abby* who was not in black Crape, the Womens Mourning at this Time, upon this Occasion. For the Truth of this, we appeal to every Man or Wo-

Woman now alive, who is old enough to remember so remarkable an Event.

By this it is plain, that Dr. *Burnet* design'd to justify the Character that he has given of King *Charles*, by making Posterity believe, that he was as little belov'd by the Age in which he liv'd, as he would have him be esteem'd by the Future. This must be his only View in denying a Scene of Grief so visible, notorious, and universal, as to leave no Possibility of escaping Observation; unless, by some peculiar Organization the Senses of this good Bishop so depended on one another, as to make him unable to see that Grief, which he could not feel.

P. 621. " *The Marquess of Halifax* had Reason to look on himself,
 " as in ill Terms with the King: So
 " in a private Audience, he made the
 " best Excuses he could for his Con-
 " duct of late. The King diverted
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“ the Discourse, and said, that he
 “ would forget every Thing that was
 “ past, except his Behaviour in the
 “ Business of the Exclusion.” My
 Lord *Halifax* had particularly di-
 stinguish’d himself by supporting the
 Interest of the Duke in the Affair
 of the Exclusion, the Acknowledg-
 ment of which Service, by so fine a
 Turn ought to be recorded among
 the Apophthegms of *Plutarch* and
 the Ancients. The Author certainly
 was not himself, when he had the
 good Nature to communicate to us,
 an Answer so genteel, so gracious,
 and at the same Time so grateful,
 as must set this Prince in so beauti-
 ful a Light, as we have no Reason
 to suppose that he cordially design’d
 to place a Man, whom in all other
 Respects he has treated with the last
 Injustice.

P. 623. “ Complaints came up
 “ from all the Parts of England of the
 “ Injustice and Violence us’d in E-
 “ lections,

“lections, beyond whatever had been
 “practis’d in former Times. —
 “They were neither Men of Parts
 “or Estates; so that there was no
 “Hope left of working on their Un-
 “derstandings, or making them see
 “their Interest in not giving the
 “King all at once; most of them
 “were furious and violent, and
 “seem’d to recommend themselves to
 “the King, by putting every Thing
 “in his Power, &c.” This is so far
 from Truth, that never were fewer
 Intrigues, less Management, or Com-
 petition in any Election of Members.
 The Party disaffected at this Time
 were too weak to struggle with the
 Torrent; besides, they were so thun-
 derstruck, and under such a Conster-
 nation in this Juncture, as to be glad
 to sit still, and compound to be quiet;
 they were justly afraid to revive the
 Memory, and by new Opposition a-
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past Behaviour. In Regard to their Estates and Circumstances, I must refer the Reader to the printed List of that Parliament, by which, if he knows the Gentlemen of Fortune and Quality in the respective Counties in *England*, he will be able to judge of this Author's Integrity. This Parliament were good Subjects, when they had no Reason to be dissatisfy'd; and afterwards, as good Patriots, when they thought the Laws and Religion in Danger: The noble Stand that they then made, contradicts his Account of their Fury and Devotion to the Court; their being laid aside, and afterwards dissolv'd in Anger, absolutely confute this Calumny. When the Actions of Men speak so loudly, there is no Need of Words to defend them.

P. 637. “ *For as the secular Court*
 “ *could not order his Ecclesiastical*
 “ *Habit to be taken from him.*” It
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is remarkable, that the first Time he shews any Concern for the Privilege and Interest of the Clergy, is in behalf of Dr. Oates; tho' it is a moot Point to this Day, whether he was ever canonically ordain'd or no; of which we believe there are no very authentick Testimonials.

P. ibid. Speaking of *Dangerfield's* being whipp'd, he says, "*But it had a more terrible Conclusion. For a brutal Student of the Law, who had no private Quarrel with him, but was only transported by the Heat of the Time, struck him over the Head with his Cane, as he got the last Lash. This bit him so fatally that he dy'd of it immediately.*" The Truth of this Story is so perverted in every Circumstance, as will convince the Reader of the Author's Talent in aggravating the Faults of the unfortunate, when not of his Party;

as also how little we can depend on the narrative Part of this History. He says that the Man, whose Name was *Francis*, struck him as he got the last Lash, and that he dy'd immediately. In contradiction to this, the Reader must know, that the Execution of the Sentence was over, and *Dangerfield* brought back from *Tyburn* in a Coach, which by some Accident stopp'd near *Grays-Inn*, *Francis*, who was a Student of that House, unfortunately approaching the Coach, ungenerously insulted a Man in that Condition, by asking him how he lik'd his Morning Heat, or Words to that Effect: Upon which the Prisoner hawk'd and spit in his Face; *Francis* surpriz'd and provok'd with this Affront, having a little *Bamboe* Cane in his Hand not bigger than the Tip of a Man's Finger, push'd it into the Coach, and unluckily thrust the Ferrel into his Eye. He
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liv'd so long afterward in *Newgate*, as to cause a very great Debate among the Surgeons, who attended the Coroner's Inquest, whether or no he dy'd of the Wound in his Eye, or of a Fever contracted by the Anguish and Pain of his Whipping. Nevertheless, the poor Man suffer'd the Rigour of the Law, tho' it could not be suppos'd, that with such an Instrument, he could have any Design to kill.

It not being convenient to encounter his Politicks, we are oblig'd more closely to observe his Matters of Fact. When he gives an Account of the Murder of *Lisle*, one of the Regicides, he is under a very great Mistake in one Circumstance, if the other printed Accounts of that Matter which I have seen, are true. *P. 648.* "*But three desperate Irishmen hoping to make their Fortunes by such a Service,*"
 "went

“ went thither and kill’d him as he
 “ was going to Church, and being
 “ well mounted and ill pursu’d got in-
 “ to France.” The Persons that kill’d
Lisle at *Lausanne*, retreated to the
 Boat that brought them, in which
 crossing the Lake, they soon got out
 of the Dominions of that little State.
 One would have thought that the
 Author who had been on the Spot
 should have consider’d, that so moun-
 tainous a Country as *Switzerland*,
 was not the most proper for Horse-
 men to make their Escape. By this
 Mistake we may see, that a little
 more Judgment and Knowledge of
 Things were as necessary on one
 certain Occasion, as a good Me-
 mory.

P. 667. “ He call’d for many of
 “ them and spoke to them very earnestly
 “ on that Subject in his Closet ; up-
 “ on which the Term of closetting was
 “ toss’d about. Many of these gave
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“ him very flat and hardy Denyals:
 “ Others, tho’ more silent, were not
 “ yet less steady. So that, when af-
 “ ter a long Practice both of Threat-
 “ ning and ill Usage on the one
 “ Hand, and of Promises and Cor-
 “ ruption on the other, the King saw
 “ he could not bring them into a Com-
 “ pliance, he at last dissolv’d the
 “ Parliament.” Here is a noble
 Picture of the sublimest Virtue in
 Men, whom the Threats of a Prince
 could not terrify, nor Promises of
 Rewards corrupt. How this agrees
 with his Character of the same Men
 just before, Mankind shall judge;
 when p. 623. he was pleas’d to give
 us a different Idea of these Gentle-
 men, by telling us that, “ Most of
 “ them were furious and violent, and
 “ recommended themselves to the
 “ King, by putting every Thing in
 “ his Power.” Such a Change in so
 short a Time exceeded the greatest
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Metamorphosis in *Ovid*. I leave the Reader to his own Comment.

P. 693. "He said he had been
 "nine Years married, and never
 "had the Confidence to press this
 "Matter on the Queen, which he
 "said, I had now brought about easily
 "in a Day." What would have been Confidence in a Husband, must certainly be somewhat more in Dr. *Burnet*. I cannot imagine why he tells this Story, except it is to let us know that so wise and penetrating a Prince joyn'd in the same Opinion of his Modesty with the rest of the World.

He now comes to the memorable Year 88, in which happen'd a very momentous Incident; on this he spends several Pages, in all which I shall not presume to contradict him, but refer the Reader to a more unexceptionable Author, the famous
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Mr. **William Fuller**, who has oblig'd the World with a more pertinent, coherent, and plausible Account of this Matter. As these two great Men absolutely contradict one another, it is impossible that both should be in the Right. I will not prejudice or influence the Reader in behalf of Mr. **Fuller** against the Bishop; but as they both stand upon an equal Foot of Credit with the greater Part of the World, fairly leave it to his own Decision, which he will believe, the Priest, or the Layman.

P. 795. “ *So she went to Portsmouth, and from thence in a Man of War over to France.*” Tho’ it is of no great Consequence in what Port the Queen embark’d; yet it shews the Negligence of this Writer, and what little Care he took to be well inform’d in common Matter of Fact. The Queen cross’d

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the *Thames* from *Whitehall* to *Lambeth*, where she took Coach and went to *Gravesend*; here she embark'd on a Vessel prepar'd for this Purpose, sail'd down the River and landed at *Calais*. I could give the Reader Instances of such Mistakes in every Page of this Reign, if it were necessary to convince him more of this Author's repeated Falshoods. If he is so erroneous in his own Times, and in Things of which he may be suppos'd to be a Witness, how little is he to be depended on in the remoter Scenes of his Book, where he cannot be contradicted. Beside, the wrong Turns and Disguises of Fact, the positive Assertions contrary to Truth so universally spread thro' this Book make me remember a Story of the famous *Harry Killigrew*, who had much more Wit than came to one Man's Share. This Gentleman being ask'd what Relation he had to

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lying Killigrew, pleasantly reply'd,
 “ Sir, that is no Distinction in our
 “ Family, we are all Lyars, my Fa-
 “ ther was a Lyar, my Uncles were
 “ Lyars, my Brothers were Lyars,
 “ and I myself am a very great Ly-
 “ ar, but I suppose you mean my Cou-
 “ sin Will, who never spoke one Word
 “ of Truth.” A Man may have
 Leave to be free with himself; tho’
 this was not true as to Fact, there
 having been a great many Persons
 of Probity of that Family and Name,
 we must allow for the Extrava-
 gance of Wit and Humour. If
 this merry Story is applicable to
 any Book now extant in the World,
 it is to this before us, in which,
 without any Aggravation or Hyperbo-
 le, we may boldly affirm, not to men-
 tion Faults and Mistakes common
 to other Men, there are as many
 positive Untruths, and which the
 Author knew in his Conscience to

be such, as there are Pages in the Book, whose Number amounts to 826.

It is now high Time to draw to a Conclusion of this Work, in which I hope that I have given my Readers no Offence by exceeding the Bounds of Decency and good Manners, notwithstanding the great Provocations that he has given. I am not ashamed to be thought good natur'd, and must therefore own, that when I have been oblig'd to treat him with Severity, it was a Violence to my Inclinations. But if a Man will break thro' all the Fences of Decency and common Justice, make War upon Truth and Virtue, and thus run a Muck at Mankind, he must be disarm'd regarded as mad, and be bound and chain'd like a Mad-man. An unfair Enemy has no Right to the Law of Arms, and can expect no more

more Quarter, than he himself has given.

Here I am oblig'd to leave him, tho' not for want of Matter; in that he is never deficient: But I have now brought him down to the Brink of the Revolution, a Sea too deep and dangerous for me to fathom. The secret Springs of that great Event, like the Fountains of *Nile*, are * inscrutable; Whirlwinds and Thunder forbid the Search of what is too sacred for our Speculation. However, I flatter myself that I have almost hunted him down; and tho', like a Fox, the harder he is prest, and the nearer to Death, he leaves a Scent much the stronger, he runs too rough Ground for me to

* The Source of *Nile*, tho' now discover'd, was unknown to the Ancients: The *Ægyptians* had such an Opinion of the Sanctity of this River, that they thought the Gods would not permit his Head to be known. *V. Herodotus, Justin, &c.*

follow : The Reader will therefore
excuse my Cowardice, if I found a
Retreat, and quit a Chace where the
Neck is in Danger.

— *Tu, sapiens, finire memento.*



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